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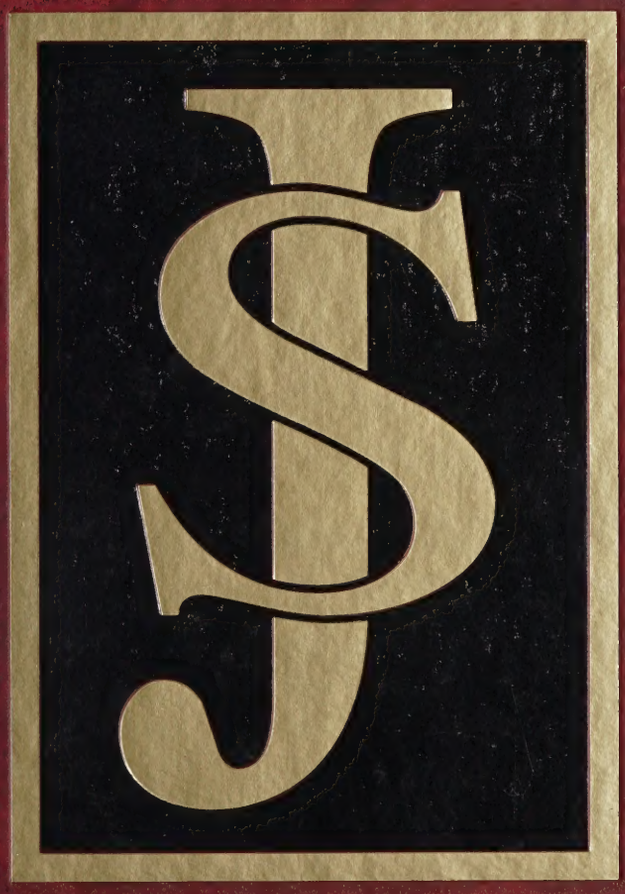

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"It is a beginning, a step along the way"

Archbishop Oscar Romero

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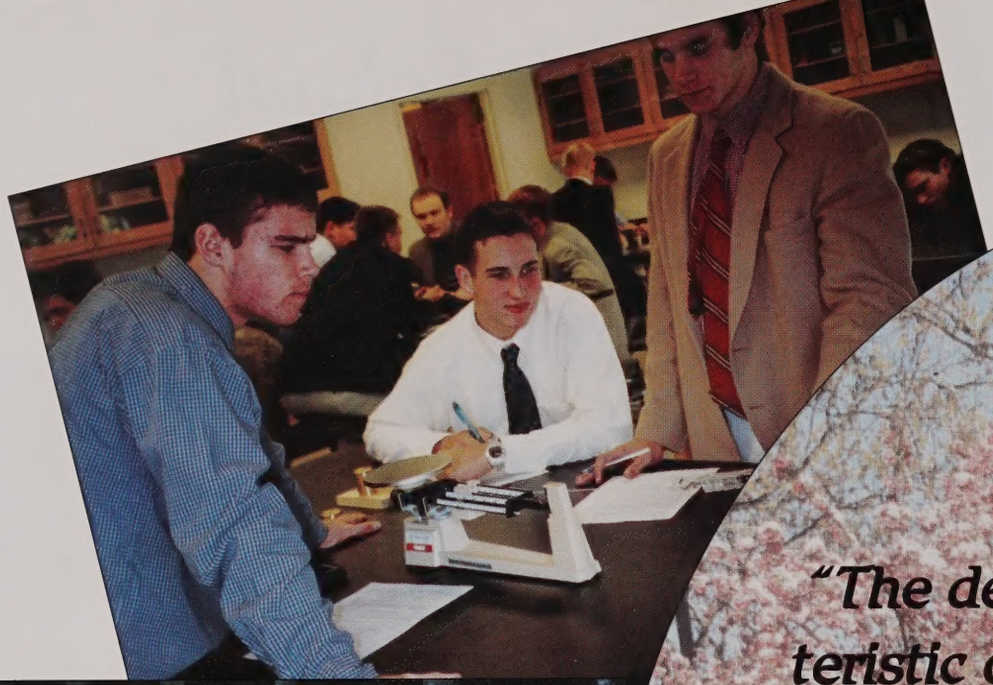

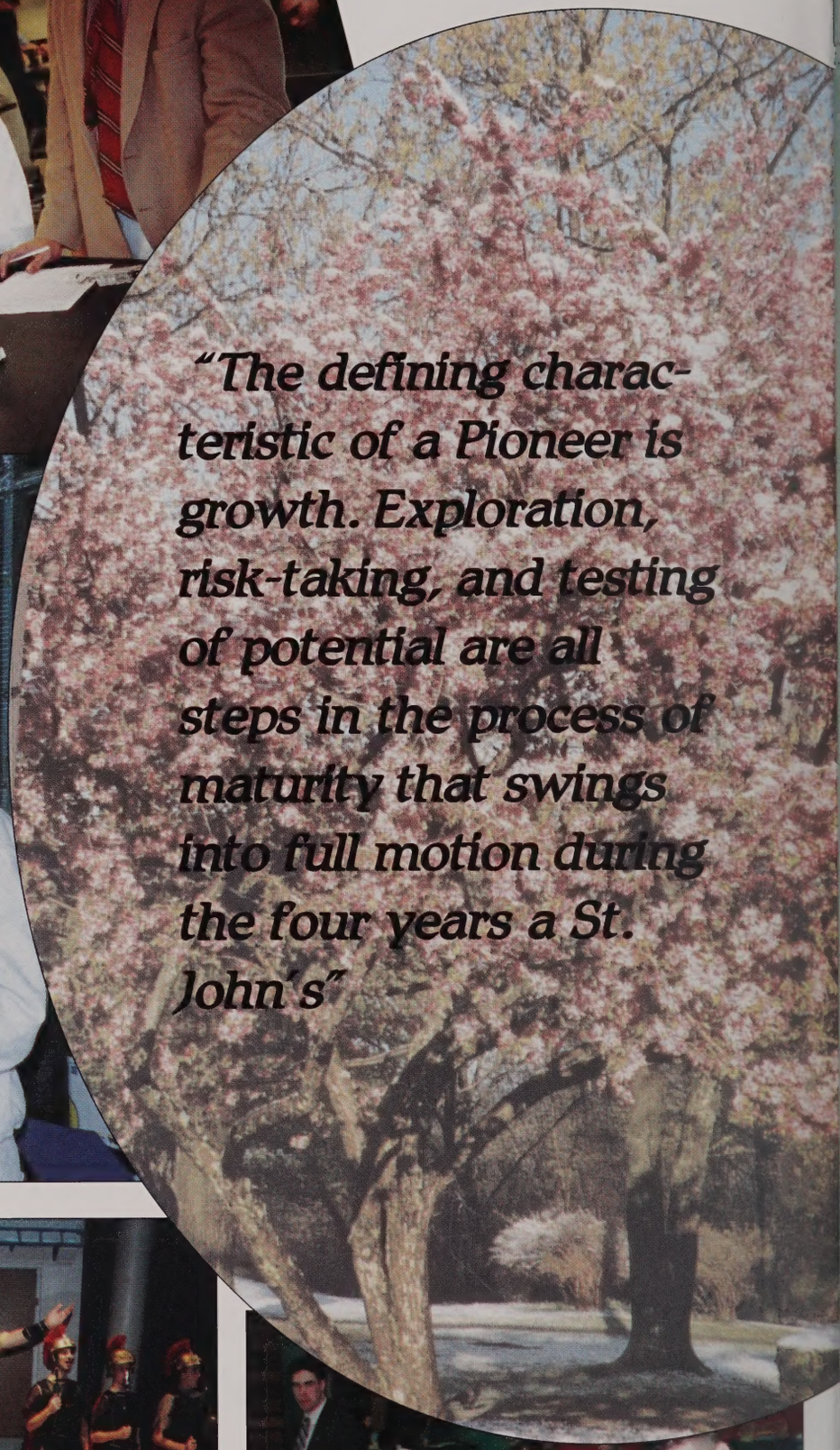

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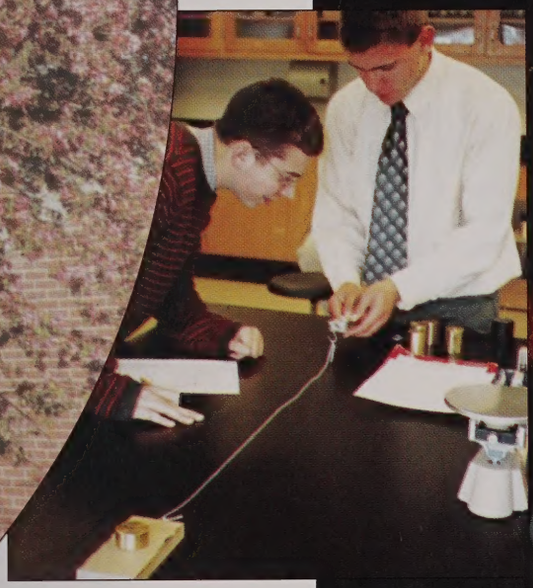

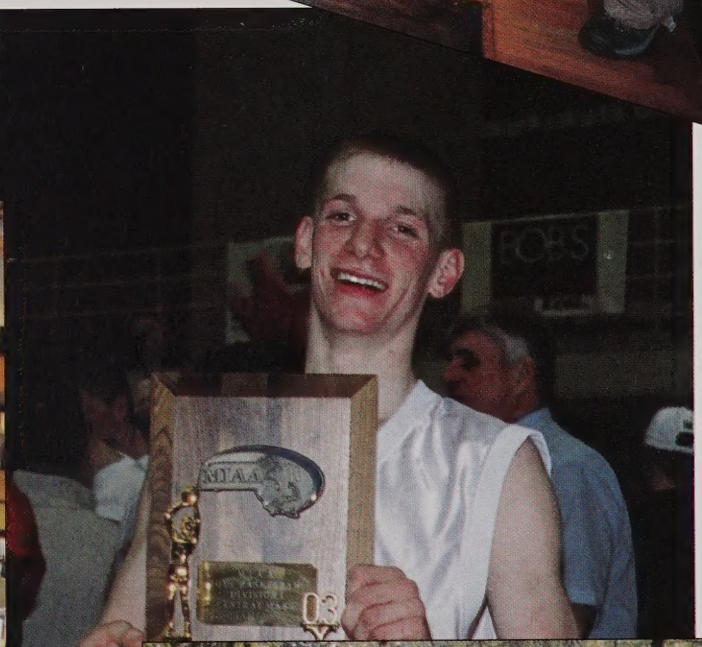

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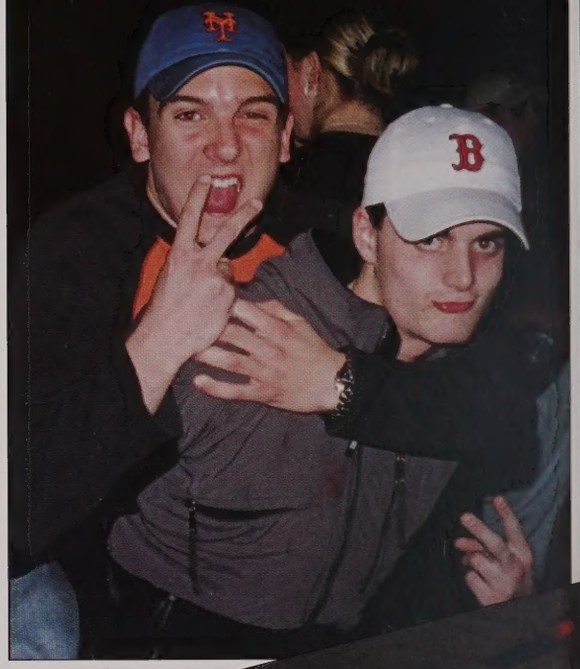
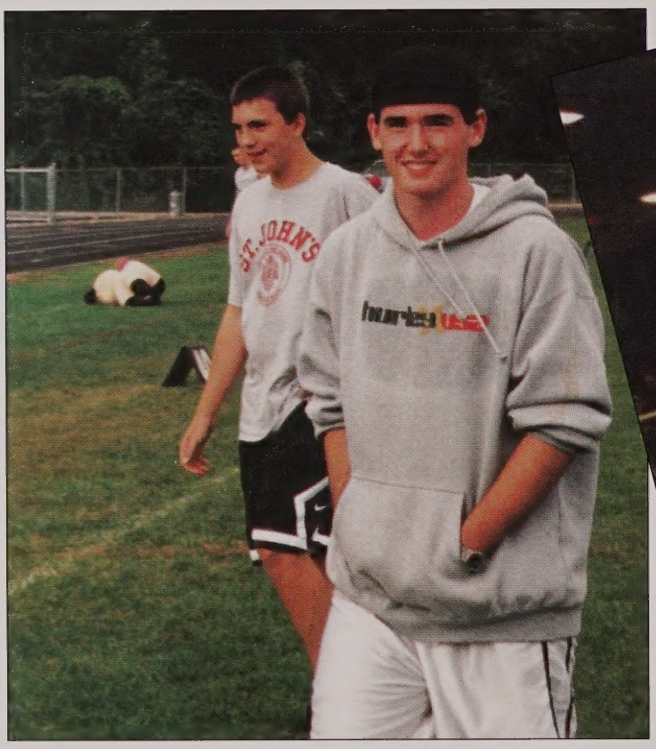
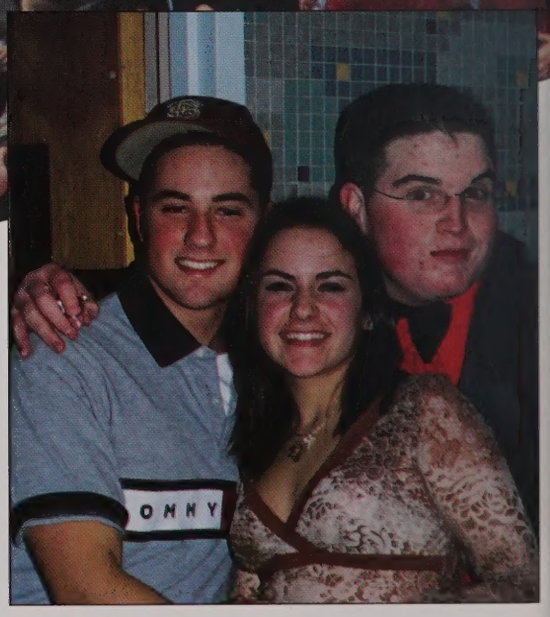
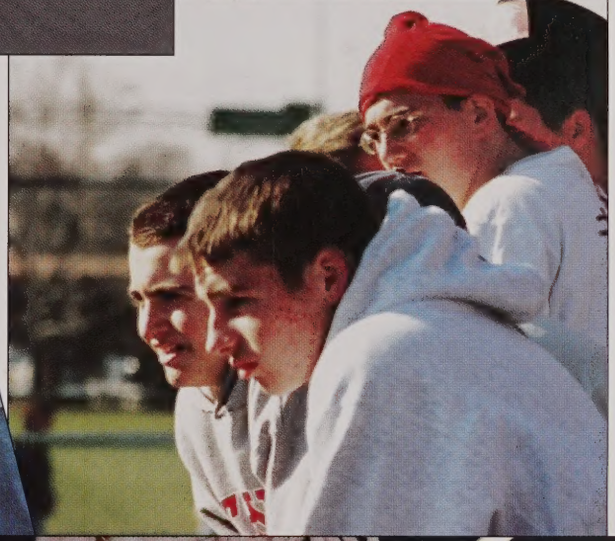






"Slowly but surely, I began to feel like I was a part of something important, a member of a family that would look out for me and push me to excel." John Cusick '03



"Life is a promise, so fulfill it."

Mother Teresa

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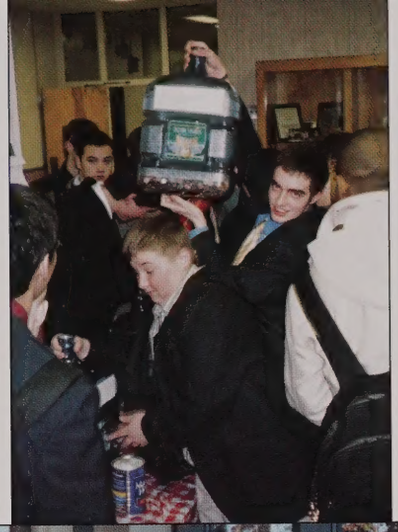

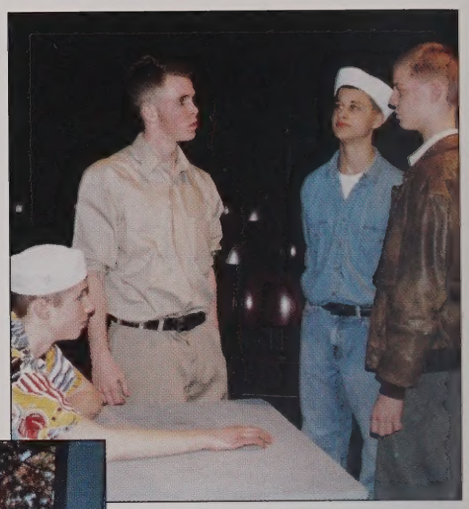

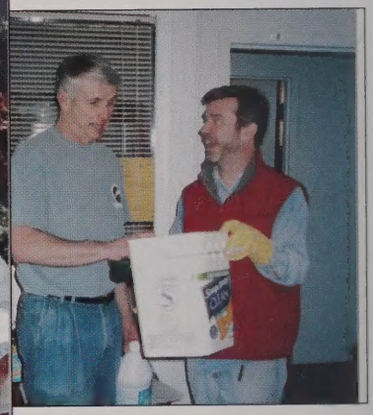

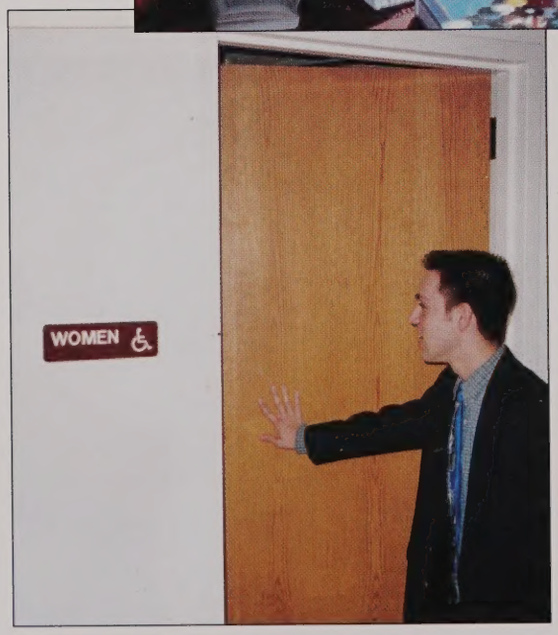
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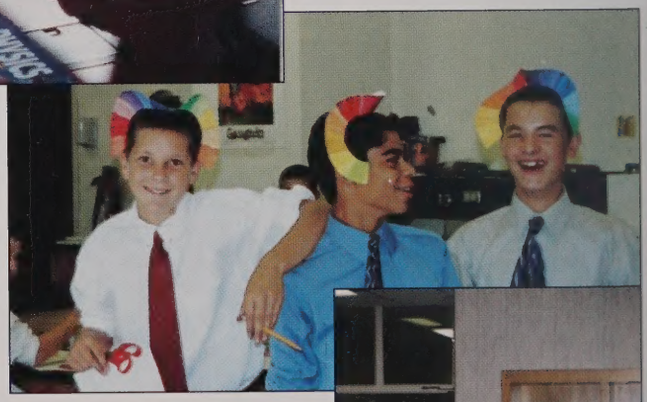
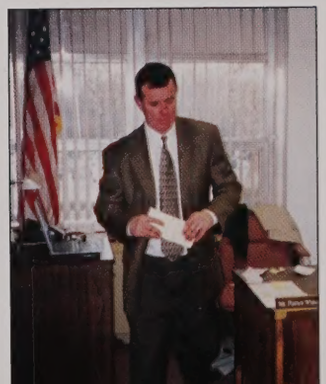
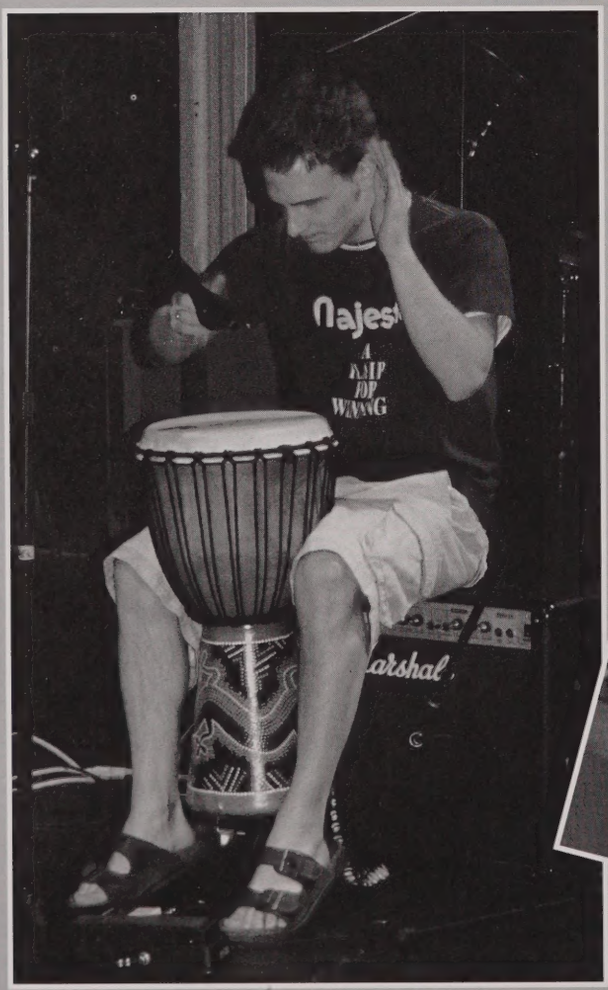




Dedication

Mr. Joseph Lane

Mr. Joseph N. Lane, Jr. embodies and defines the Saint John's Community. A native of South Worcester, Mr. Lane graduated from Saint John's with the Class of 1957, and he has never stopped giving back to his community. After excelling and graduating from Assumption College, he returned to Saint John's to coach football and basketball, beginning to build a legacy. After achieving his Master of Education degree, Mr. Lane began coaching Varsity basketball, compiling an amazing 103-22 record, and more importantly leaving a lasting impression on the young men who played for him. Since 1981 Mr. Lane has been the Alumni Director for Saint John's, and has initiated many timeless activities and events. Joe Lane has been described "as a man who embodies the Pioneer spirit unlike any other." Joe Lane is an encyclopedia of knowledge of the Saint John's community, able to recall families and classes of Saint John's alumni and students, and keeping the Pioneering Spirit alive within everyone he comes into contact with. Mr. Lane is admired by all who know him. He has given his time and care to a countless number of friends, families, and anyone in need. His strong spirit and benevolent attitude in life is the definition of what it means to be from Saint John's, and the Yearbook Staff is proud to dedicate this book to such a great man. We all wish Mr. Lane the best of luck in all of his endeavors, and cannot thank him enough for being the epitome of the Pioneering Spirit.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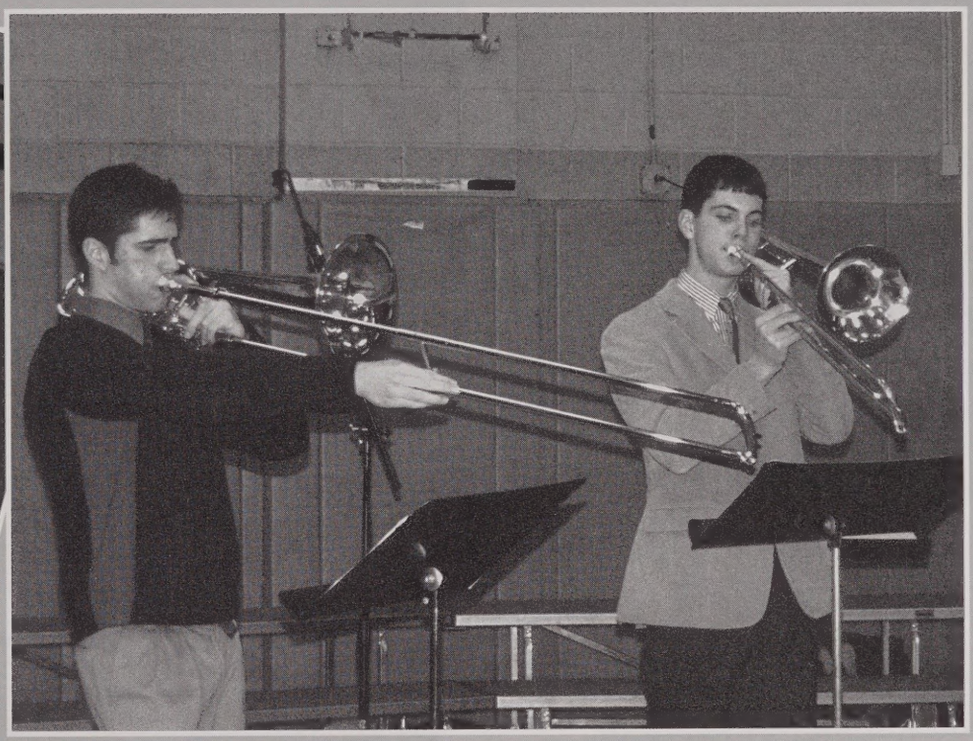

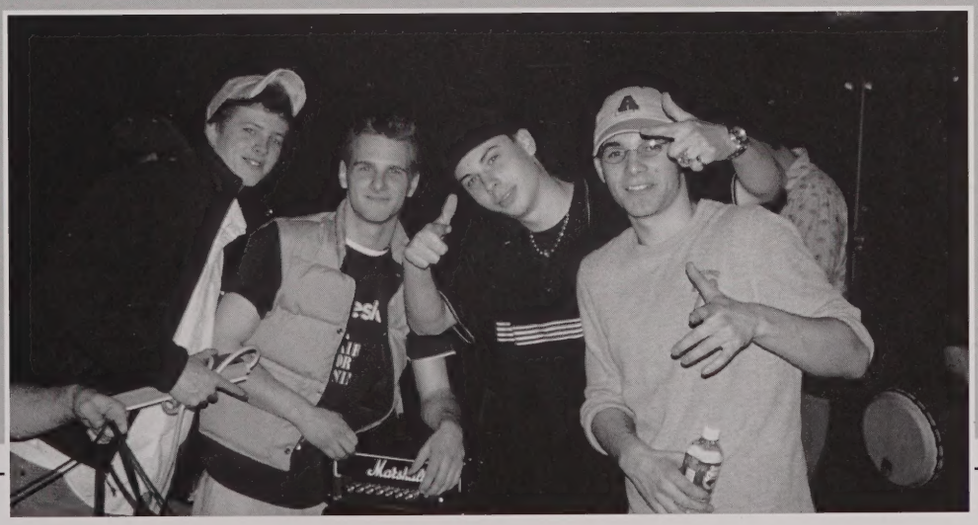

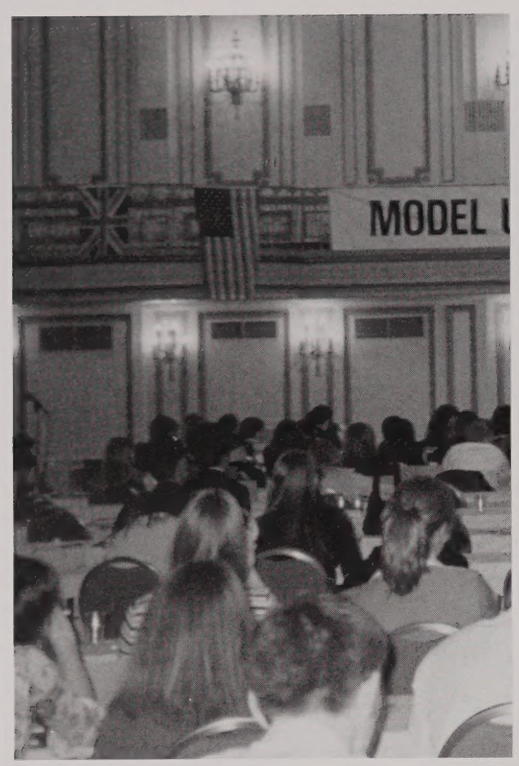

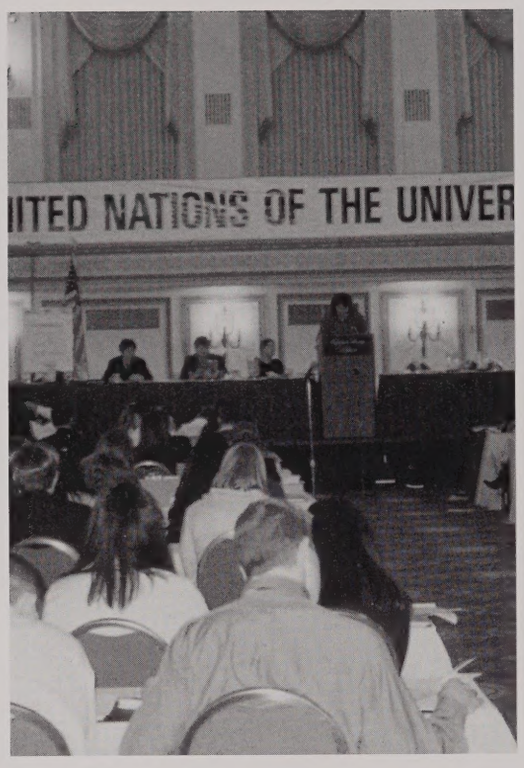

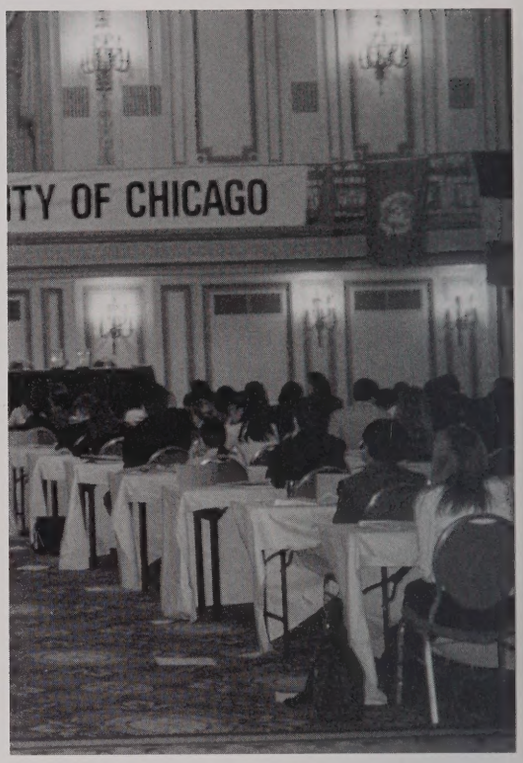

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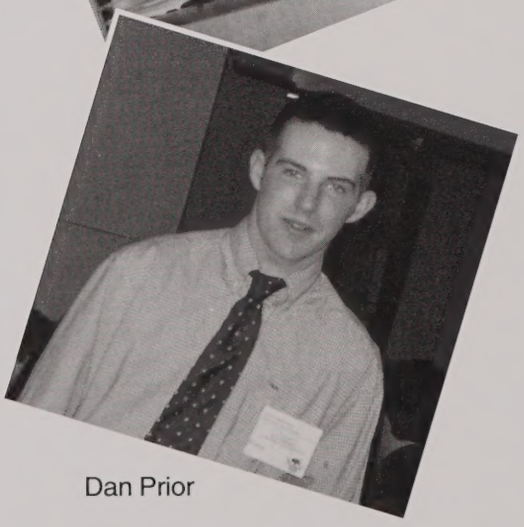
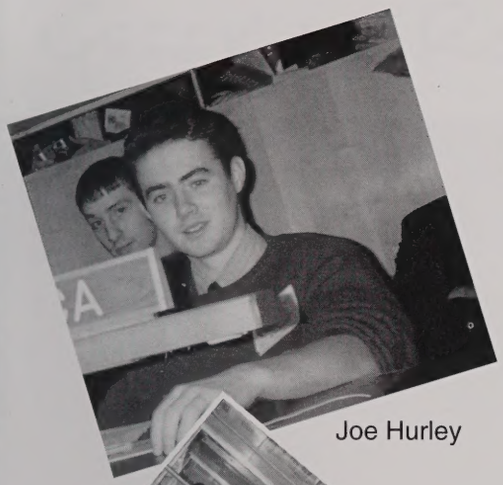


Dan Prior

Out on the town.

Model U.N.



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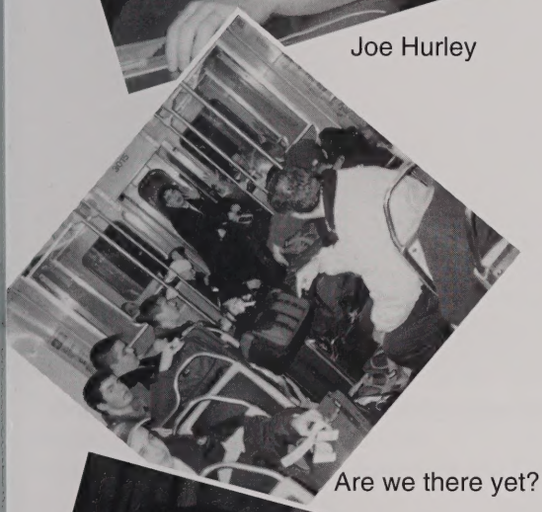

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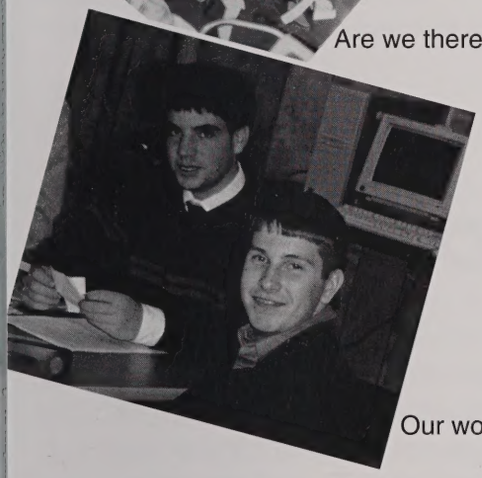


Our work is never done.

The Saint John's Model UN has once again lived up to its outstanding national reputation within the past year. The student-run conference held this past October was a complete success, attracting more students and schools than ever before. Under the leadership of our Secretary General, John Christensen, and faculty moderators, Mr. Charles Abdella, Mr. Michael Marsan, and Mr. Timothy Williams, the club coordinated a day long conference providing a forum for debate and compromise for hundreds of students from the New England area.

In addition, the club participated in two national conferences in Chicago and New York City. These conferences offered club members the opportunity to utilize their skills of negotiation and discussion in order to achieve practical solutions to world issues. Excelling in debate and the art of diplomacy, Saint John's students Rusty Johnson, Justin Slotnick, and Colin Doyle achieved awards at these events.

The club looks forward to next year's Saint John's and national conferences, eager to participate in learning and debate.

By Colin Doyle

Men on a mission.

Russian History Club

The Saint John's Russian Club meets on Thursday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. The club combines the use of a textbook, Nicholas Riasanovsky's A History of Russia, historical readings, primary and secondary documents, with student presentations of various artistic, architectural and poetic genres of Russian History from 988 to the 21st century. Students study art, culture, music, film and poetry and present power point research reflecting the history of Russian architecture, Icons and art work. The focus of the club is to derive a profound understanding of Russian history, culture, politics and literature. Students present their research to the members of the Russian club which has an open membership of approximately 25 students. The club seeks to visit various cultural sites in the US and hopes to eventually lead a group of interested students to Saint Petersburg and Moscow. Finally, the club uses the internet to study the great artistic works of the Hermitage Museum, the Moscow State Museum and the Tretyakov Art Museum.

Top: Pete Donnelly, Nick Cuba, Steve Bachelder, Will Hetzler, David Vitello, Brian Kennedy, Brian Frenier, Dan Frendl, Ethan Johnson, Mr. Wilson
Bottom: Brett Bugnacki, Jeff Billingham, John Kneeland, Dimitri Balabanov, Mike Cambell.

History Club

The History Club focused upon movies and field trips this year. We have screened movies, such as "Zulu", in our own Remillard Hall, and we have travelled to Boston's Mugar Omni Theater to see "Lewis and Clark". We went to see the ancient Egyptian mummies at the Museum of Science, and we traced our family lines at the Historic Genealogical Society. The History Club also has invited speakers to share with us their experiences with history in the making. Ms. Katharine Clark spoke to us about the Israel-Palestine conflict of the present, sharing with us her ideas for peace.

By Ms Michelle Morgan

Greek and Roman Club

Top row: Mr. Abdella, Anthony Contrada, Phil Dean, Abdo Abou-Slaybi, Tom Ancona, Kurt Mahoney.
Front row:Nick Cuba, Dan Socaciu, Andy Trainor, Tom Gajnak.

St. John's does much to prepare its students for their futures in college, but the Greek and Roman seminar prepares them for the future by looking to the past. Every week 12 selected seniors anticipate their college experiences by attending a seminar given by Mr. Charles Abdelle of the History Department. The course is rigorous, yet rewarding. Without a grade or academic credit hanging over their headsto spur them on, they must call upon their love of learning in an attempt to make sense of the classical world. Each week the students read 50 or so pages of primary sources, write a paper, and discuss the text for an hour with Mr.Abdella. From the silly stories of Herodotus to the serious words of Thucydides through the tabloid writer Suetonius and hopeless cheerleader Eusebius, these 12 dedicated scholars-in-training discuss politics, poetry, religion, leisure time, philosophy and more. It ts a great teaser for upper level college electives and a wonderful way to cap off their St. John's career.

Philosophy Club

St. John's Philosophy Club meets weekly to explore the greatest ideas of the greatest minds. In a Socratic spirit, students read short exerpts of original texts from the major figures in the history of philosophy. We seek to cultivate wonder in the pursuit of wisdom, carrying on the contemplative tradition, of which the Xaverian tradition is a part. This year, the Club especially took up the questions of Epistemology (What we know and how we know) and especially how this affects the way in which schools are put together. Why are the Sciences distinguished from the Humanities; how did the medieval disputation method from St. Thomas Aquinas lay the foundation for the scientific method in the European universities? What is the "uni" (one thing) in universities? Why should most modern universities more properly be called "multiversities", since there is little harmony among the disciplines to lead to that one thing, namely the love of wisdom? What are the liberal arts, anyway? In addition, we turned to Chinese philosophy, the ancient religions of Taoism and Confucianism to see what wisdom could be gained from Eastern thought. And to finish the year, we are reading Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics, especially the section on Friendship. New members are always welcome throughout the year, as the Great Conversation which began thousands of years ago continues today in St. John's.

With a little help from Mr. Michael Huges, Mr. Graham Dennis and a special guest appearance by Mr. Donovan

Math Team

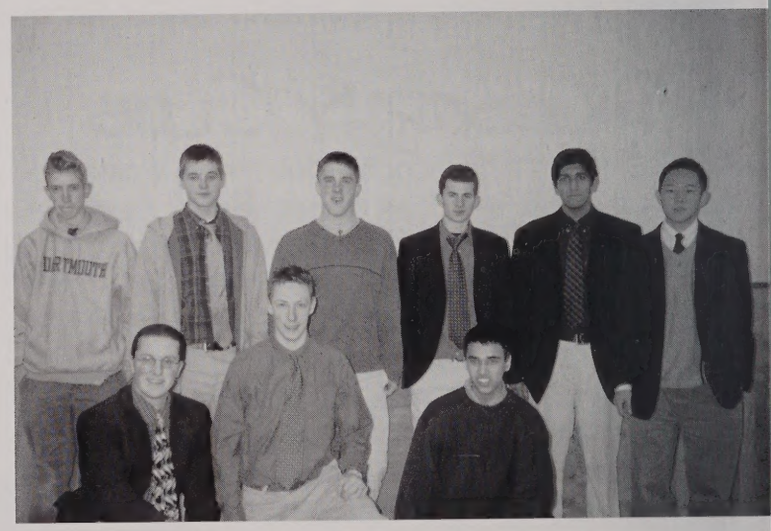
The Math Team is an extracurricular activity that has been with St. John's for almost thirty years. St. John's is among the division leaders of Worcester County and has attained 4th place at the State competition. Our coaches, Mrs. Dana James and Mr. Timothy Williams, sometimes with the team founder, Principal Stephen Gregory, teach us techniques in every practice.

The team captains, Jon Collette and Dan Simoncini are among the top scorers of the league, and have helped lead the team to victory. However, our success this year was largely due to Freshman, Rahul Banerjee. He was acclaimed as the only student in the history of the league to ever win both the Freshman and Varsity Math Meets. Additionally, juniors Brendan Neschke and Brett Bugnacki are among the high scorers of the league.

The stereotypical image of the Math Team member is a 'nerd'. While it may be true that some of us do in fact fit that image, most of us do not. Almost everyone takes part in a sport and has a solid social life. The students on the Math Team are not unlike typical St. John's students. We join to compete, to learn, and to improve our minds.

By Arman Siddiqui

Sameer, Rahul, and Paavan Mehta enjoy the coeds at the Math Meet



Back Row: Dan Simoncini, Todd Seaver, Joe McKay, Dan Socaciu, Armna Siddiqui, Ikjun Cho
Front Row: Jon Collete, Mike Cassista, Vishal Shah

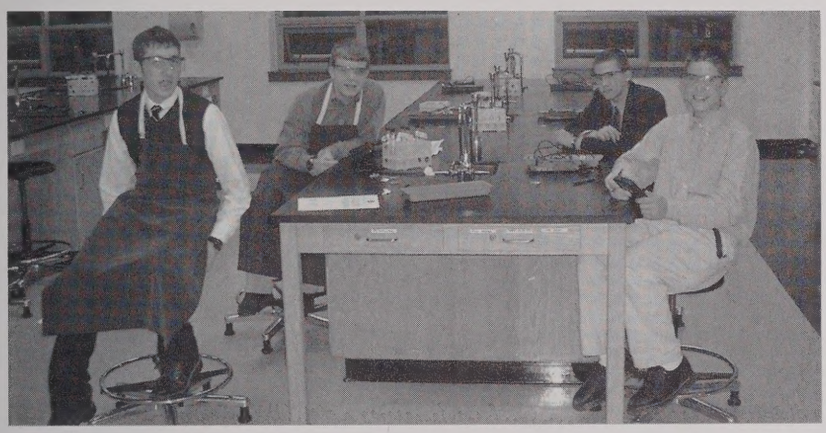
Rahul Banerjee waiting for some competition.

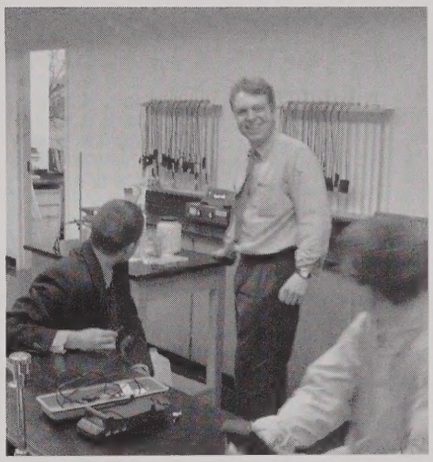
The Saint Johns Math Team

Science Club

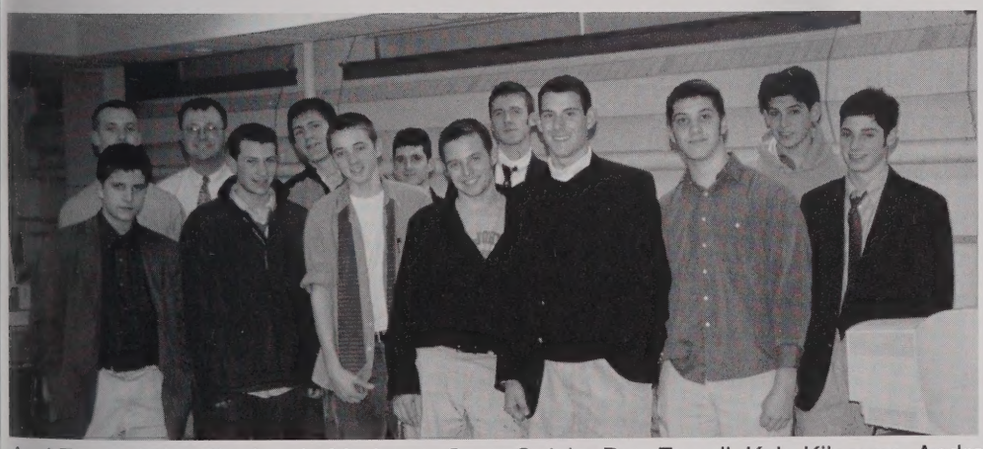
Mr. Will James, Eric Sweeney, Jason Boucher, Troy Coverstone, Jon Carelli, Vasillis Moisiadis, Joel Faure, Demitri Balabanov, Jon Stadig

The Science Club is a group of guys who share a common love of science. Some are geeks and enjoy using the big scientific words, while others are interested in learning this language. Besides this love of science, most of this elite group have very different backgrounds and hobbies. Despite these differences, we still have fun together. At our meetings, we may discuss various topics in magazines, set up and collect data from the experiments we do, and work on an occasional big project like hovercrafts and robots. Overall, Science Club gives us all a way to gain "real world" experience by applying our skills learned in the classroom and in our lives.





Investment Club



Joel Faure, Mike Pieniazek ,Mr. Lane, Sean Galvin, Dan Frendl, Kyle Kilcoyne, Andrew Fitch, John Keene, Tony Goretti, Vasilis Moisiadis, Todd Nichols, Craig DiGiovani

The Investment Club meets every Wednesday in the computer lab to research profitable investment situations. Using the resources available on the internet, including Yahoo, MSN,and SmartMoney, a portfolio of winning stock picks are selected. $50,000 worth of "monopoly money" is allocated to each investor to spread out on 3 to 5 equities. At the end of the school year winners are determined by the size of their portfolios. The grand prize is $100 cash. The top investor from each class receives $25. All members gain a wealth of experience in a relatively real time practical investment situation. This knowledge should enhance the likelihood of successful stock selections later on. Privately this club is known as the Future Millionaires Club.

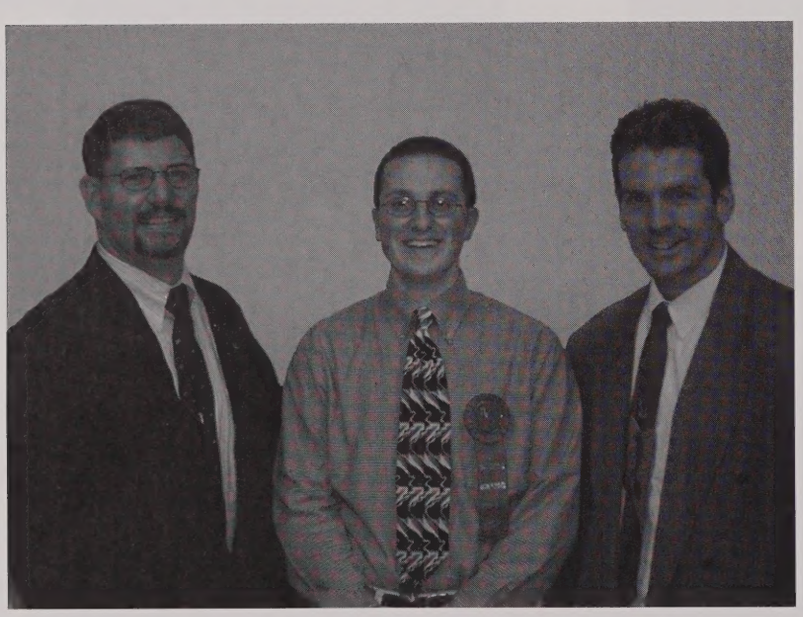
By Joel Faure

Field trip with Mr. Lane to a shareholders meeting at Mechanics Hall

Computer Club

This year's A.C.S.L. (American Computer Science League) computer programming club was lead by senior team captain Jonathan Collette. The following students were members of the computer club for the 02-03 season: seniors ~ Jonathan Collette and Andrew Hruza: juniors ~ James Gambino, Jon Carelli and Eric Wagner.

In the Intermediate-3 Division, St. John's placed 23rd nationally out of 65 teams. Jonathan Collette was this year's first place scorer for the St. John's team, earning 40 out of 40 available points (see photo). Although he earned the "high scorer" award, team player Jon Carelli (35 points) gave Jonathan a "run for his money!"



Mr. Gregory Blondin, Jonathan Collette, Mr. Brian Mulcahy

Ordinarily St. John's participates in several programming contests which take place at the following colleges: Providence College, Stonehill College, Bridgewater State College and St. Anselm College. This years A.C.S.L. programming team competed "away" at Providence College on March 10th.

Four students: Jonathan Collette, Andrew Hruza, James Gambino and Jon Carelli, represented the club and finished 5th out of 19 teams (see photo).

Regardless of placement, the team enjoyed the experience — and the donuts:). In addition to Providence, this year's annual competition at St. Anselm College was unfortunately cancelled due to a change in personnel. It was reported that St. Anselm's competitions would

Jon Carelli, Jonathan Collette, James Gambino, Andrew Hruza

resume next year under "new management."
The St. John's computer programming team remains hopeful to regain its first place status as in the days of Scott Bonneau, '95. The computer club has consistently poised itself as a talented group of programmers. With dedicated members like Jon Carelli and James Gambino the club will surely regain its "top gun" status.

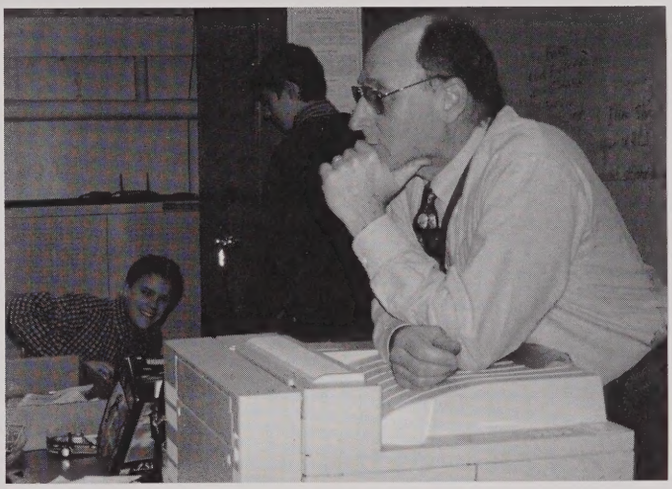
*Authored by moderators, Mr. Brian Mulcahy '85 and Mr. Greg Blondin

Aviation Club

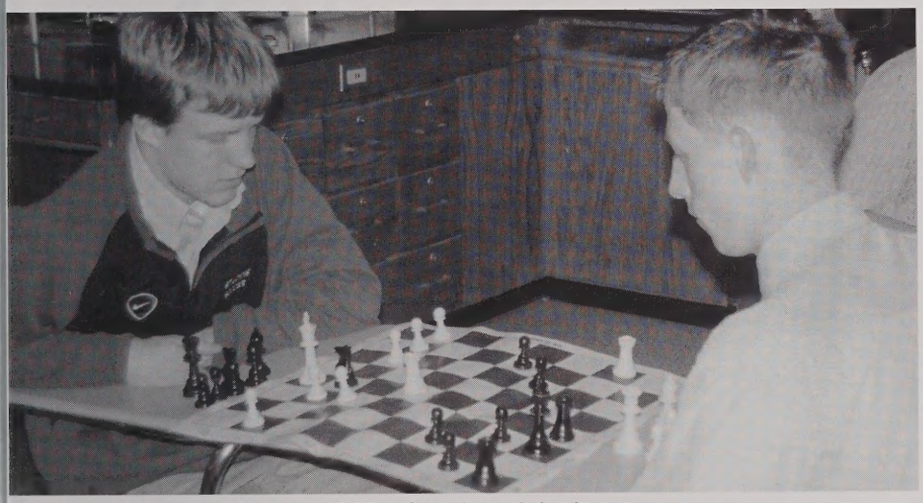
Top: Jonathan Carelli, Joel Faure, Colin Doyle, Greg DiGeronimo, Abdullah Nizamani, Tony DiPasquale, Matt Dumas, Phil Hamel, Greg Crisfulli, Troy Coverstone, Demetri Balabanov, Alex Parr, Colin Doyle, John Fink

St. John's students formed the Aviation Club as a forum for students interested in aviation and potential aviation careers. The club serves as a resource for like-minded students, gathering weekly to view films, to discuss aviation-related issues and to travel to local, regional, and national sites of aviation interest. To serve these aims, the club maintains contact with graduates and professionals in the field of aviation and aeronautics, and makes available a small lending library of videotapes on aviation subjects.

Colin Doyle served as the President of the 2002-03 Aviation Club.



Mr. Novick keeps the boys in line.



Harrison Karg and Mike Cassista duke it out.

Chess Club

St. John's Chess Club had yet another good year, enhancing its rating, skills, and popularity. Recently a few new members joined the club making a total of over 30 people. In mid January, Saint John's hosted its second annual Scholastic Chess Tournament. Demitri Balabanov, of junior class, placed first for two consecutive years, followed by junior, Patrick Remington and freshman, David Bowman.

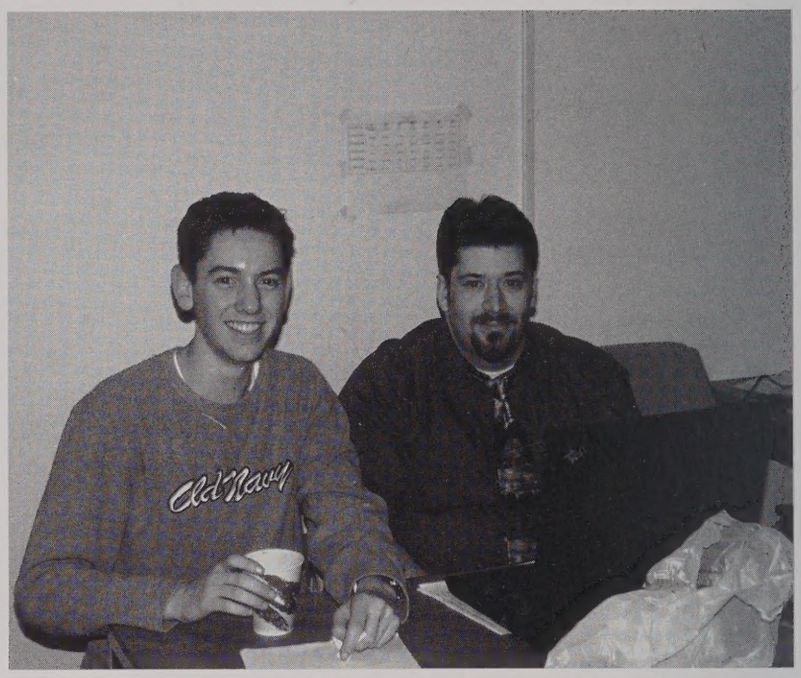
On April 6, St. John's returned to the State Team Championship with three top teams consisting of Demitri Balabanov, Arman Siddiqui, Michael Cassista, Benjamin Marinelli, John Keenan, Troy Coverstone, Brendan Neschke, Patrick Remington, Samuel Haddad, Joshua Villa, and Andrew Pope. Team 1 placed a solid 9th place followed by Team 2 with 12th place and Team 3 with 16th.

By Demitri Balabanov

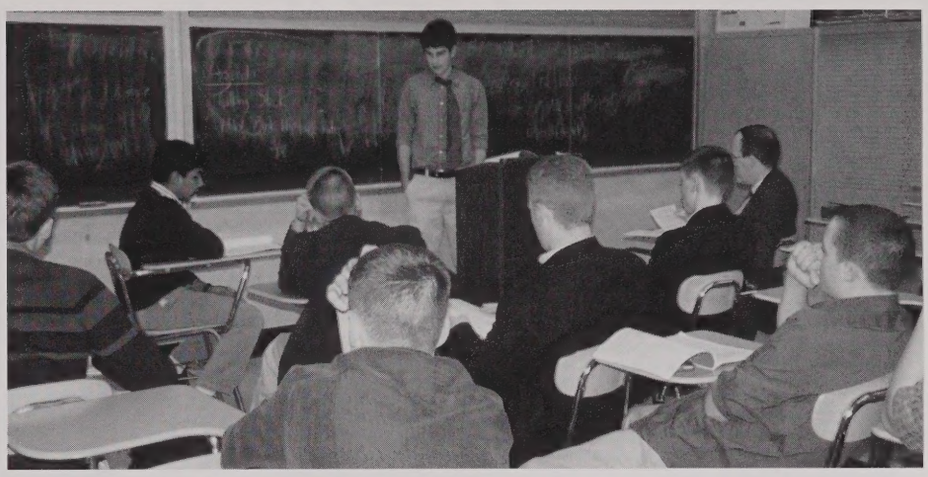
Mr. Frank Iuso, Pat Remington, Harrison Karg, Arman Siddiqui, Mike Cassista, Troy Coverstone, Miss Sarah Pennington, Chris Hodgerney, Demitri Balabanov, Sam Haddad, Ben Nelson

Debate

The Saint John's Debate Team has a long standing tradition of excellence as an academic activity. Three days a week the team meets to practice the art of debate and refine their skills. The debate team is guided by the fine coaching of Mr. Anthony DiBenedetto and Mr. Michael Smith. The team has an impressive record of tournament wins throughout the nation. This year Saint John's hosted its third Annual Debate Tournament. It was a great success with a very large turnout. The Saint John's DebateTeam made an impressive showing.



Mock Trial



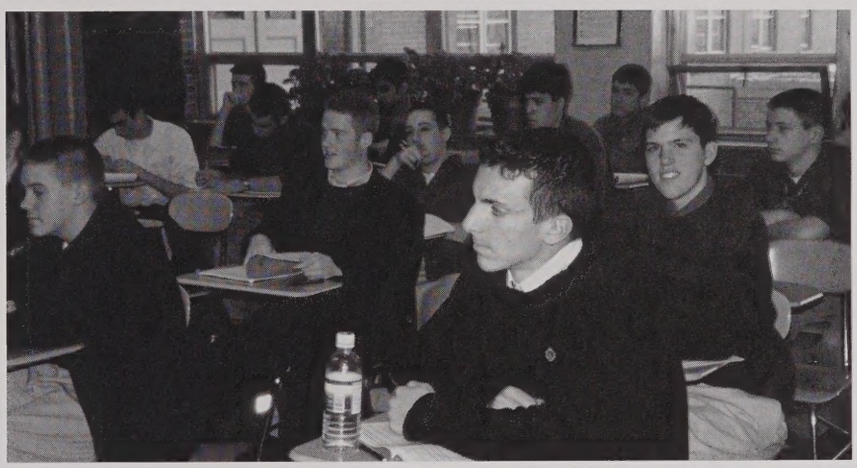
Though in only its fourth year of existence, the Saint John's Mock Trial team continues to grow and improve. This year, for the first time, interest was so strong that a "junior varsity" squad formed so that all underclassmen could participate.

The "varsity" team had an excellent year, competing well in three trials against Mass. Academy, Burncoat and South. The team competed at the Worcester Public Library before area attorneys who played the role of the judge. Though they finished with a 1-2 record, the team and its coaches were pleased with their progress.

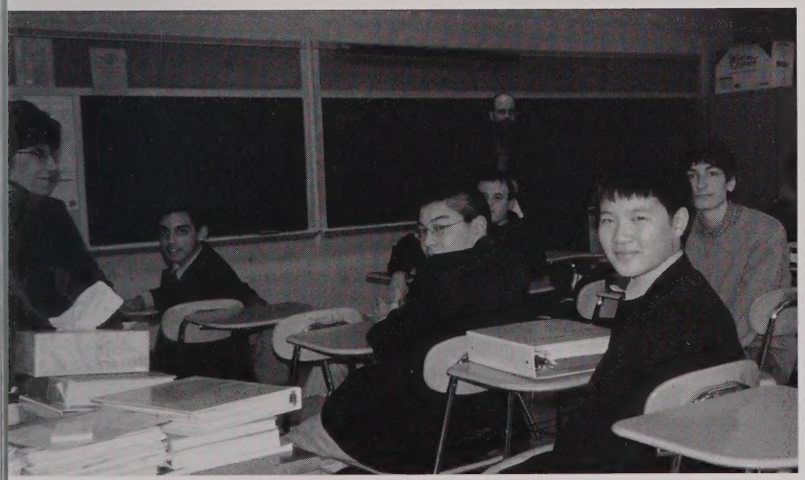
A core of outstanding seniors led this year's squad, including captain Rob O'Rourke, John Archibald, Joe Donahue, John Melander, Greg Kozacka and Kirk Atamian. The team would not exist without the support and encouragement of moderator, Mrs. Carol Fredette.

The team is indebted to the hard work of its coaches, Mr. Vin O'Rourke and Mr. Ed McDermott. Mr. McDermott joined the coaching staff for the first year, bringing a wealth of experience from his time as Holy Cross Mock Trial coach. With the help of their coaches, students grew greatly in their understanding of the law and of courtroom procedure and polished their oral presentation skills.

Rob O'Rourke '03



Academic Decathlon



Academic Decathlon is designed for students who seek to broaden their perspective in ten key areas. What makes it a unique opportunity for students is that it is competetive, much like a sport, allowing participants to show off what they know in competition.

The Super Quiz segments of the competition are particularly exciting. One student is sent to the center floor at a tme to represent their school. Questions are projected onto a large screen and suspense builds. 200 points for correct responses will often make or break a team's chances for the second round. Subject matter is on an advanced level. Students who participate in Academic Decathlon count themselves lucky to benifit from the experience.

This year Saint John's hosted an extremely successful meet where our team excelled. A special thanks goes to the dedicated moderators, Mr. Gillis and Mrs. Fredette.

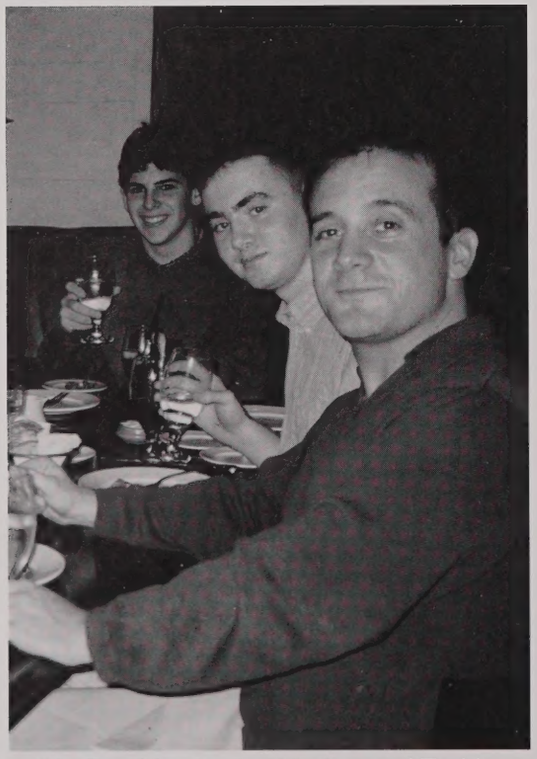
French Club

Vive La Francophonie!

It was another year of fun-filled, hands-on activities as the Cercle Français once again brought the francophone world to life, giving our students numerous opportunities to: **"Learn a Language and Live a Culture."** In September, we discovered the hauntingly surrealistic world of *Le Cirque de Soleil,* marveling at their death-defying acrobatic feats. October gave us the opportunity to appreciate the poetic lyrics and beautiful melodies of the renowned folk singer, Eric Vincent, *en direct de Paris.* November allowed us to relive the emotions of 19th century revolutionary France through the power of the Providence Performing Arts Center's production of *Les Misérables.* January provided a treat for the palate, as we returned to Boston's *Sel de la Terre* for another memorable table française repas gastronomique. Quel plaisir! As the year unfolded, preparations were in full swing for our educational adventure to Paris, Provence and the Cote d'Azur. With exams behind us, thirty-nine of our most ardent Francophiles headed for *le pays des merveilles,* excited by the opportunity to fine-tune their language skills and limitless possibilities of discovering the beauty and richness that is France.

Tim Marsder, Brad Cox, Chris Dufault, Mr. Jourcin, Justin Newton, and Matt Barston

Bon Appetit-Tout Le Monde Le Cercle Francais A Table



Mr. Ben Lizotte, Joe Hurley, and Todd Nichols enjoy the delicious cuisine.

The French Club travels to Assumption College to hear French Cabaret Singer Eric Vincent.

Al Salnikov, Will Hetzler, Rhaul Banerjee, John Farrey, Joe Wong, Adam Curley, Tim O'Mara, Tim Savas, Justin Dube, Shobit Singla, Fran Ball, Andrew Lawrence, Mike Behn, Steve Schwartz and Bill Madaus at Cirque Du Soleil in Boston.

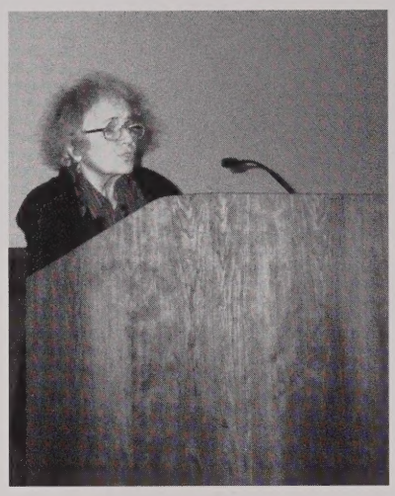
Mr. Lizotte and his crew, Matt Perron, Justin Sacco, Andrew Tsitsilianos, Charlie Keene, Rahul Jain, and Vasili Moisiades, at Les Miserables in Providence.

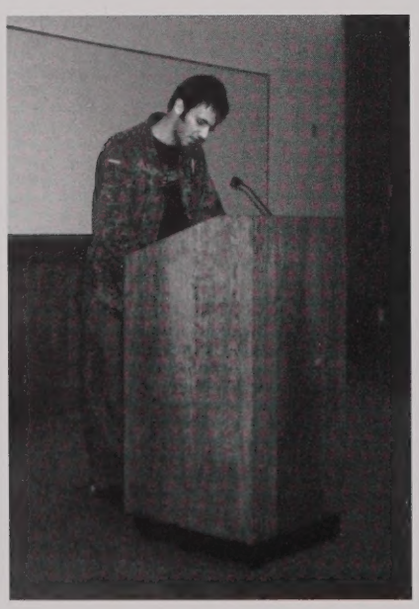
Spanish Club

At St. John's, all students of Spanish are members of the Spanish Club as long as they participate. Each student is encouraged to take part in all activities, and each is provided an equal opportunity to experience the various aspects of the Spanish-speaking cultures. In the past, the Spanish Club has organized trips to museums and tapas restaurants in Boston, an authentic flamenco show at Worcester's Mechanic's Hall, and most recently organized a trip in collaboration with the S.J. Drama Club to the brilliant New York City production, *Man of La Mancha.* The Spanish Club also provides opportunities for overseas travel. In 1999, a successful trip to Spain took place, and in June of 2003, a new group of students will undertake that same exciting adventure. ¡Buen Viaje!

Young Writers

The annual Worcester Young Writers Conference was held at Saint John's High School the weekend of November 9th and 10th, 2002. This year's conference was a great success and saw many returning faces of Massachusetts high school students as well as many new eager and enthusiastic faces. This year's conference, directed by Saint John's English Department Head, Mr. David Vilandre('76), was its 13th year. Throughout the conference, fellow Saint John's English teachers, Mr. John Ermilio ('85) and Ms. Diane Vanaski assisted Mr. Vilandre. Students got a chance through the weekend to work on their own literature and poetry with guidance from professional writers and in groups of other young writers to receive helpful feedback. Students also got a chance to hear the professionals read their own pieces in large group sessions. Each year a professional author is asked to speak at the conference, and this year's keynote speaker was internationally recognized author and poet Grace Paley. On the last day of the conference, Ms. Paley read some of her own work and fielded questions from the young writers. Once again, Saint John's and Mr. Vilandre hosted a successful and productive Young Writers Conference.





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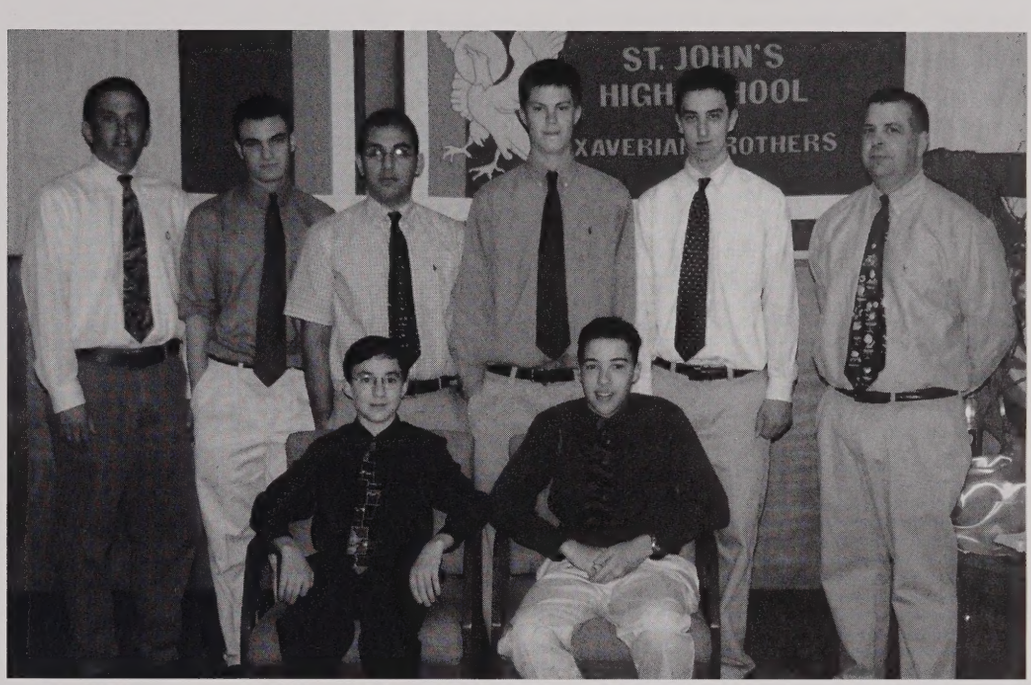


2003 ICON Award Winners

Mr. ICON Award: Mark Sundstrom '03.....*No One Knew*

Junior-Senior Short Story:

Delerium.....Matt Dumas '04

Redemption Center.....John Cusick '03

Freshman-Sophomore Short Story:

Untitled.....William Hetzler '05

The Run.....Brendan Orino '05

Junior-Senior Poetry:

No One Knew.....Mark Sundstrom '03

A Soldier's Letter To His Dead.....Kevin Goldstein '04

Freshman-Sophomore Poetry:

Rob Prior: Train From A Fireplace.....Jim Schofield '05

How Will She Ever Know.....John Rodier '06

Junior-Senior Essay:

In Search Of Maturity.....Jonathan Collette '03

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Student Body.....Mike Neiduski '04

Freshman-Sophomore Essay:

I Believe I Am Lost.....Jeff Billingham '05

Thanks to our moderators, Mr. John Ermilio '85 and Mr. David Vilandre '76

Music

Music at St. John's in 2002 – 2003 seeks to embody the Xaverian motto " Concordia Res Parvae Crescunt…." – *in harmony small things grow* - . And grow and expand this year we did. This year saw the participation in many festivals and concerts with music and ensembles of many different styles from classical to modern to rock to jazz, from Remilliard Hall to the Black Box; from Tower Hill Botanic Gardens to Symphony Hall Boston.

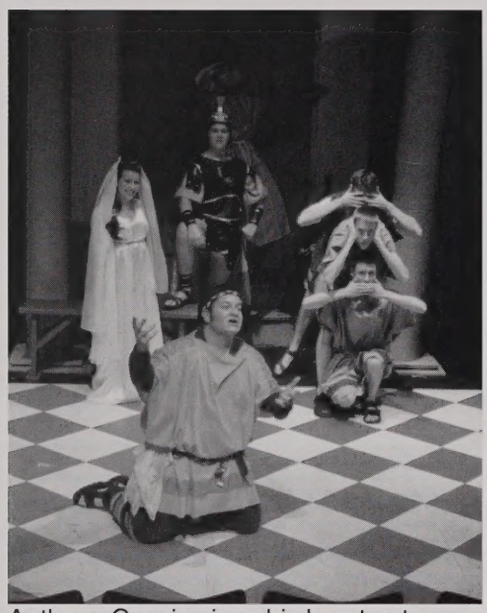
In January, 2003, ten St. John's music students from the Chorus, Chamber Orchestra and the Jazz Ensemble were selected to perform in Mechanics Hall as part of the Central District Concert Band, Orchestra, and Jazz Ensemble. In March, Nathan Reich and Sean McCluskey were selected to perform in the All State Chorus and Jazz Ensemble respectively.

The concert and festival calendar was chock full of performances – many concerts were added to accommodate the new performing ensembles and musicians including a Fall Ensemble Concert in October, a Fall Jazz Jam in the Black Box, a late afternoon Classical Recital in March, and a Classical Concert in May. Attendance at all concerts was standing room only! Additional performances included the April 5th St. John's Gala "Living the Legacy," the Open House events in the Fall, and the school Liturgies.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

This fall, the Drama Club under the direction of Mr. Dolan and Mr. Deedy, put on a wonderful production of the classically inspired "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. " The play, which originally appeared on Broadway in 1962, was meant to shock and entertain the audience and was a great success. The setting of the play is an ancient Roman street containing the houses of Senex (Jesse Volturo) and his wife (Giselle Rivers), Marcus Lycus (Dan Winske) and old blind Erronious (Mark Still). The play centers around two main actions. Hero (Rob McGovern), the son of Senex, and his attempts to wed the beautiful Philia (Jennifer Markey) and Erronious' quest to find his children who were kidnapped by Burlesque pirates. The play ends when Hero gets the girl Philia and Erronious discovers Philia is his daughter. The play was well presented and well received by all who saw it.

The Roman Guards are on patrol. Beware!



Anthony Cascio sings his heart out

Rob McGovern and Anthony Cascio discuss their plan.

The people behind the scenes, the Stage Crew.

Mr. Roberts

Mister Roberts is a war story that takes place far behind the front lines of WWII, but it centers upon a struggle of even greater proportions fought inside the mind of a courageous young lieutenant. The play, based upon a 1948 novel by Thomas Heggen, explores the concepts of community, responsibility, and leadership aboard a ship of rowdy, spirited navy sailors intent upon enjoying their "liberty" to the fullest. This original blend of comedy and drama was expertly and creatively carried out by the cast and crew of the Saint John's Drama Club for three sold-out performances from February 6-10th in the Black Box.

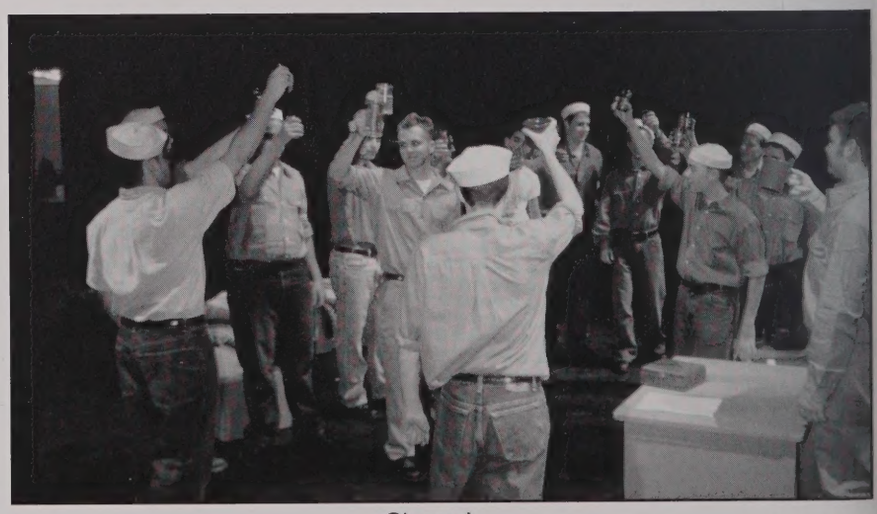
Lt. Doug Roberts (Gabe King) is the chief cargo officer aboard the US Navy supply ship Reluctant. He is joined by the gruff and power-hungry Captian (Tom McGinn), his friend and advisor Doc (Emory Markles), and his zany bunk mate Ensign Pulver (John Fink).

The play, directed by Mr. Michael Clark of the Saint John's Religious Studies Department and Mr. Patrick Dolan of the World Languages Department, was performed with remarkable energy and genuine emotion that elicited both fits of laughter and heavy silences from the captivated audience.

By Jon Collette

The Mr. Roberts Cast, Top: Chris Chouinard, Kevin Sager , John Fink, Emery Markles, Tom McGinn, Gabe King, Dan McColgan, Ashley Galvin, Ryan Guilfoyle, Ryan McCaffrey, Adam Carlson
Middle: Dave Mavricos, Steve Schwartz, Al Rogers, Nick Bouthillette, Sam Osborn, Tim Dean, Rob Heald, Steve Bachelder,
Front: Chris Rossignol, Jake DiGregorio, Yukon, Vin Palermo

The" Mr. Roberts" Crew: Alex Dora, Chris Naples, Paul Trimby, Ben Scheiner, Kyle Bridgeo, Bill Fink, Mike Pashko



Cheers!

Wait Until Dark

Under the creative direction of Mr. Michael LeBaron, the freshmen of St. John's put on an exciting thriller, "Wait Until Dark". The cast created an atmosphere of suspense that had the audience holding its collective breath.

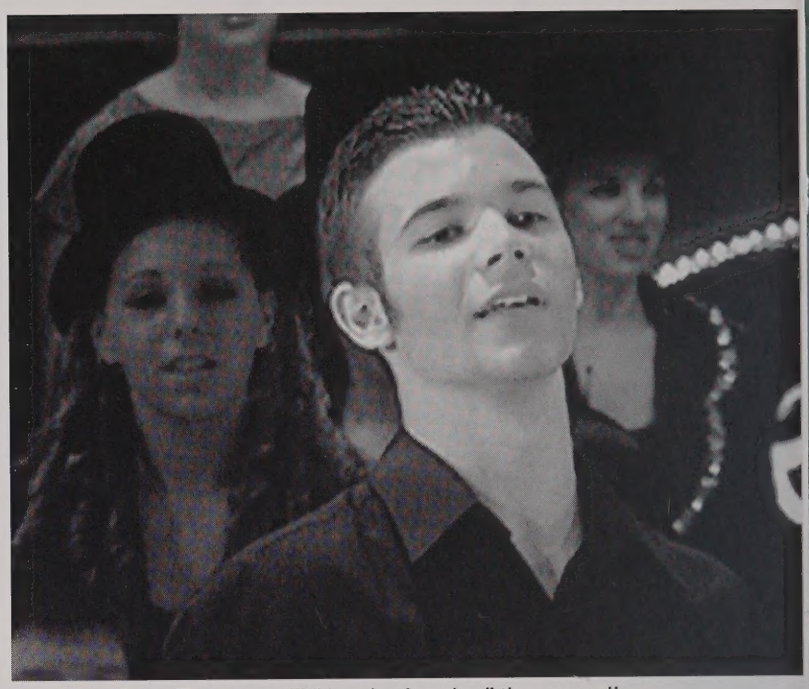
Cast:Dan McColgan, Luke Knowles, Vinny Palermo, Ethan Klausmeyer, David Mavricos, Sioban, Kat Hayden, and Emma Goljan

Lend Me A Tenor

The SJ Drama Club held its' 2nd Annual Student Run Play in the Black Box this year. Student directors Adam Curley, '03, and Evan Maloney, '04, and Mr. Paul Jourcin produced Lend Me a Tenor. This Ken Ludwig play is best known for its' constant misconceptions and ridiculous events. Maggie (Ashley Gauvin) and Max (Emery Markles) are two lovers waiting for Tito Merelli (Anthony Cascio), a famous Italian tenor about to perform the show of his life. Henry (Mr. David Vilandre) is Maggie's father who strictly orders Max to keep Tito in top shape for the show. Max fails to do so, and a series of random, hilarious events occur as Max and Henry try to "go on with the show." Maria (Jennifer Markey) is Tito's wife who watches him closely as she knows he is a womanizer. Diana (Chelsea Gammon), was the frisky ambitious saprano. Julia (Mrs. Sarah Tipton-Lowe) is a Grand Dame who suspects something is going on. A nosey bellhop (Shawn McKenna) keeps trying to get Tito's autograph. This energetic, hilarious, fast paced show was a resounding sucess!

Spring Spectacular

"The Best of 2003 was a rousing success! Under the creative direction of Mrs. Eleanor Bouvier and senior student director Matt Cairns, the show went off without a hitch. The talented company of singers and dancers made this year's Spring Show one of the most exciting in St. John's history. Mr. Richard Monroe, as always, did a superb job with musical direction. The stage crew and lighting crew proved invaluable with their set design and dramatic lighting. George McColgan and Anthony Cascio stole the show as "masters of cermony" and were honored as co-recipients of the 2003 Hayes Award.

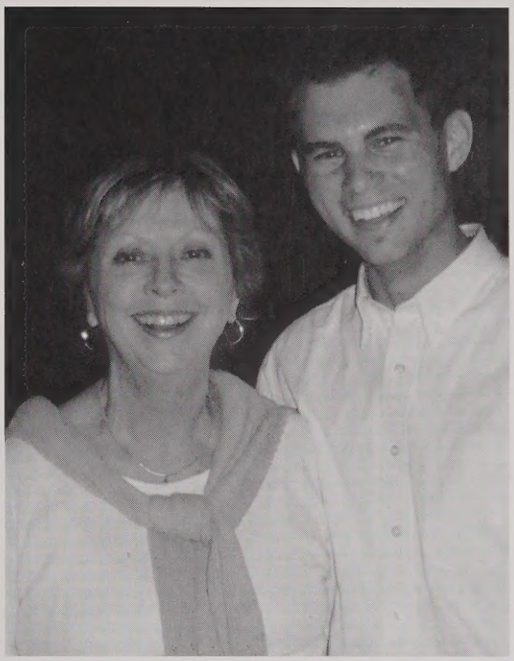


Sam Zammerelli "razzle dazzles" the crowd!

Lighting Crew

Cascio and McColgan steal the show!

Chris Aversa and his lovely dance partner strike a stunning pose.



This wonderful show, brought to you by the tireless efforts of Mrs. Bouvier and Matt Cairns.

Where would we be without the amazing Stage Crew?

Awards Convocation

Justin Sacco, Naveen Rao, Matt Vokes, Greg Stevens, John O'Neil, George McColgan, Ryan Cain, Ted Perry, Peter Goljan, Kevin Sager, Matt Cairns, Andy Hippert,and Matt Badjo proudly display their Awards.

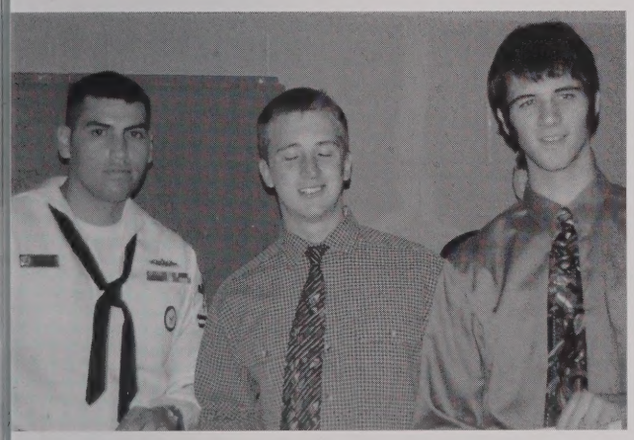
Senior Class President, Mike Salerno presents Mr. White with a check.

Naveen Rao and Mr. DiBenedetto, a great debate team.

John O'Neil is presented with
his appointment to the Naval Academy

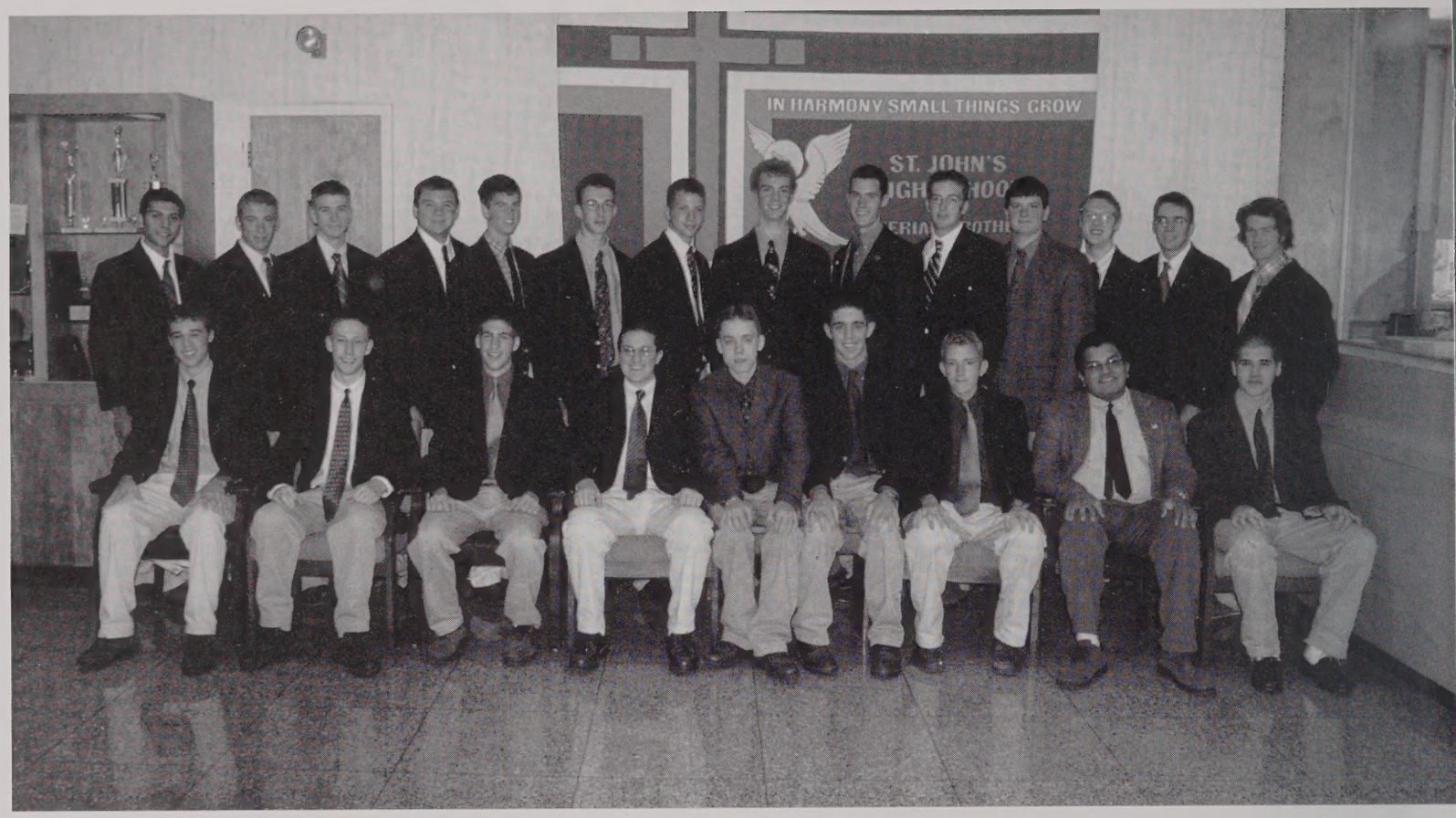
On a beautiful day in May, the St. John's community gathered together for their annual Awards Day Prayer Service to honor former alumni and past members of the St. John's family. Family members of these people were present to present the awards and honor these special students who possess exemplary qualities. Senior Class President Michael Salerno presented Mr. William White with the class of 2003's first alumni check. The St. John's Jazz Band dazzled the crowd with thier perfomance. "All with God, nothing without God." The award recipiants included:

The Richard Christmas Award.....Ryan Cain
The Katherine and Mortimer
Buckley Forensic Award.....Naveen Rao
The P.J. Collins Award.....Matthew Badjo
The Christopher
Kouchakdjian Award.....Andrew Hippert
The Daniel Manning Award.....Kevin Sager
The Janet Powers Award for Spirit.....Matthew Vokes
The Richard Doyle Award for Service.....Matthew Cairns
The Ryken Service Award.....Ted Perry



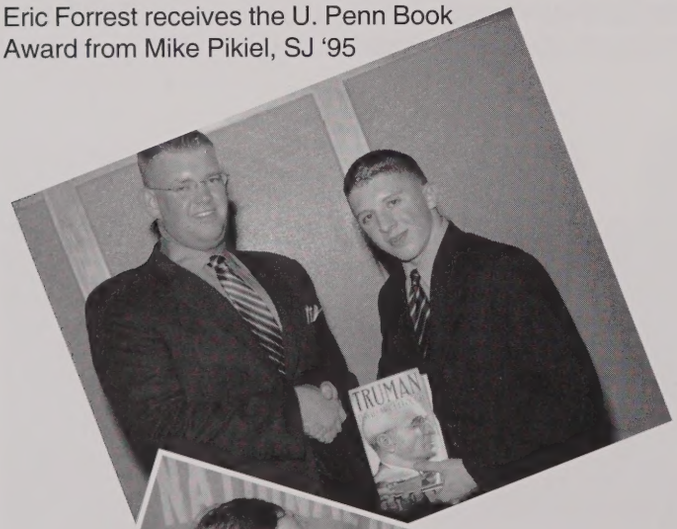
Peter Goljin and George McColgan are presented with
R.O.T.C. Scholarships.

Mr. Lizotte poses with Ted Perry and his parents after presenting
him with the Ryken Award.



National Merit Scholars

Eric Forrest receives the U. Penn Book Award from Mike Pikiel, SJ '95



New Inductee, Andrew Atchue.

Junior Class Book Award Winners

Jon Collette and Dan Simoncini are National Merit Finalists.

The Faculty Service Award goes to Mr. Mulcahy.

Michael May proudly receives the David C. Cassidy Award from last year's recipient, John O'Neil.

N.H.S.

Department Awards

The Brother Ivan Award.....Robert O'Rourke
The Robert Brady Award.....Anthony Cascio, Sean McClusky
The Brother Gerard Award.....John Cusick
The Brother Nathan Award.....Nicholas Cuba
The John A. Case Award.....Philip Dean
The Brother Alfred Award.....Jonathan Collette
The Brother Alan Award.....Paul Dufault, Peter Wood
The Brother Carl Award.....Robert O'Rourke
The Brother Theophane Award.....Gregory Stevens
The Computer Science Award.....Daniel Egleston
Distinguished Service Award.....Peter Ryan, '03
The Brother Philip Neri Award.....Jonathan Collette, '03
The Brother More Munroe Award.....Eric Forrest, '04
David C. Cassidy Award.....Michael May, '04

Book Awards- Class of 2004

Anna Maria College Book Award.....Andrew Hippert
Assumption College Book Award.....John Bianchi
Boston College Book Award.....Jonathan Salois
Brown University Book Award..... .....Matthew DiPierro
Clark University Book Award.....Colin Doyle
College of the Holy Cross Book Award.....Daniel Frendl
Columbia University Book Award.....Matthew Darcy
Dartmouth College Book Award.....Garrett Wentzell
Harvard Univesity Book Award.....Brian Freniere
Rutgers University Book Award.....Samuel Kenary
St. Anselm's College Book Award.....Anthony Lorusso
University of Pennsylvania Book Award.....Eric Forrest
Williams College Book Award.....Michael Darling
W.P.I. Book Award.....James Gambino

Department Award Winners

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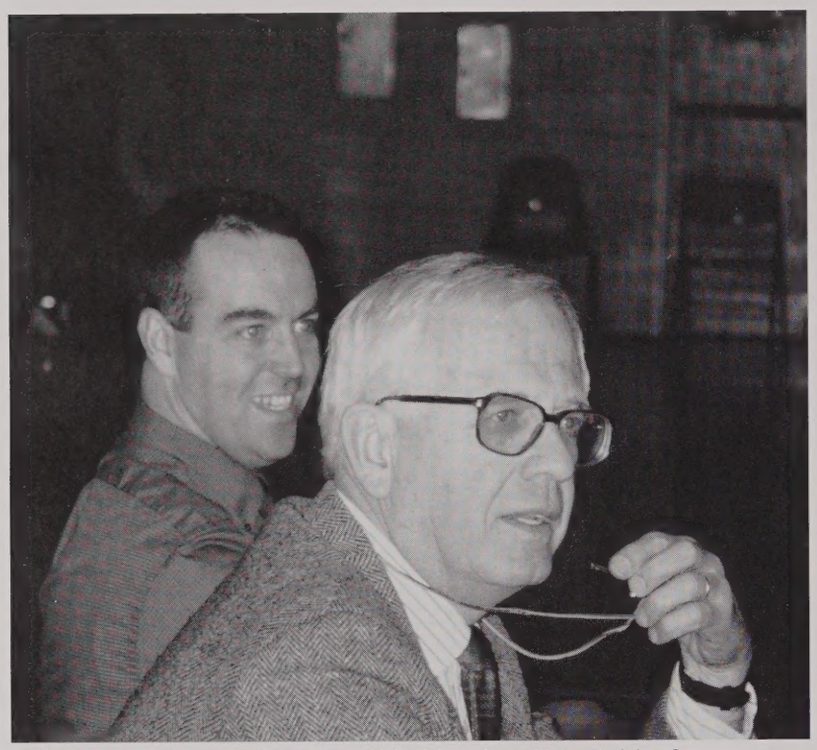

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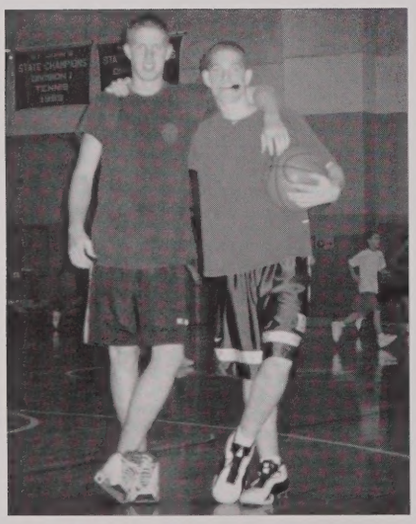
John Cain and Mr. Mead get the ball rolling.



Charlie O'Connor and John Cain, the ultimate refs.

Senior H.R. Champs

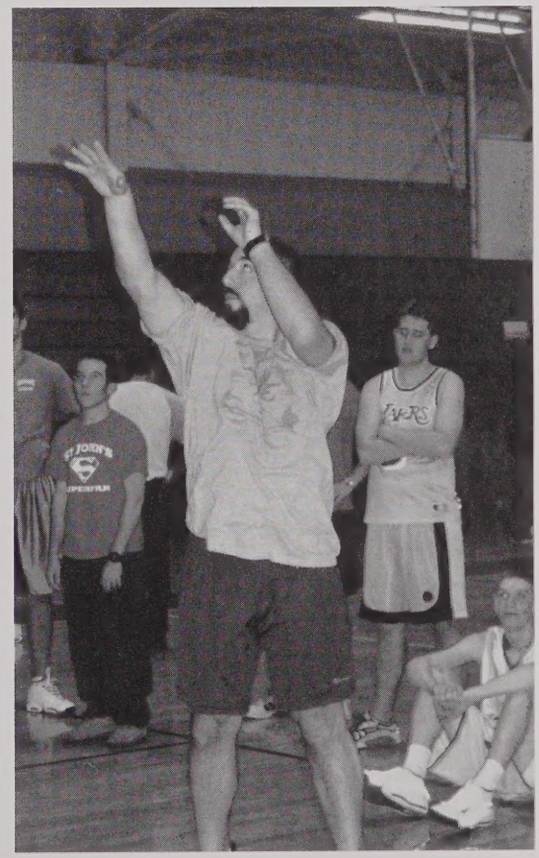
Neil Chatterjee, Ikjun Cho, Brian Cammuso, Ron Pantano, League MVP, Mike Salerno, Ryan Cain, Brian Burlas, Tom Clark, Ryan Cashman

Easter Seals Shootout

3 point shoot out winner Ryan Cain (2nd from left) joins other contestants: Andy Hippert, Charlie O'Connor, Mr. Lane, Tom Scheffler and John Cain

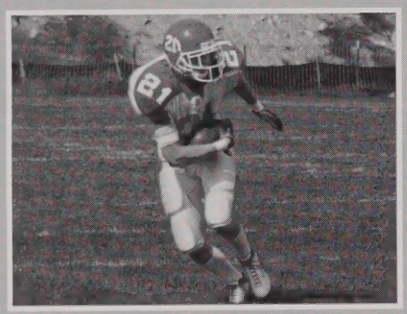
Each Fall Mr. Joe Lane puts his time and energy into raising big money for Easter Seals with a 3 Point Shoot out in our gym. A multitude of students and faculty vie for the rep of being the best 3 point shooter in the school. This year, the undisputed champion was Senior Ryan Cain smashing last year's school record with 43 shots in 3 minutes. Ryan was proud to have raised a substanial amount of money in donations for Easter Seals AND had lots of fun in the process.

Freshman Champs! Jason Hardy, Chris Miller, Pat Kneeland, Joe Marine, Garry Rosenfield, J.P.Phillips, Mike Stanton,Dan Virgil, Kyle Green, Chris Surette,



Mr. Jeniski showin' off his mad ill talent for the students

Ken Depasse



Pat Cusson

Dan Prior

Dan Rudge

Brian Darcy

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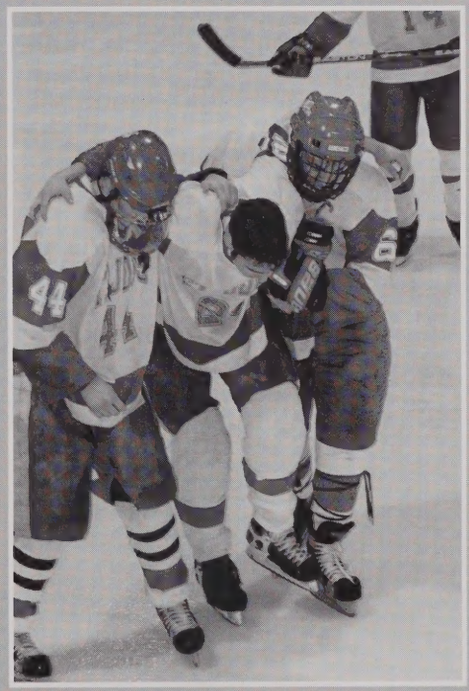

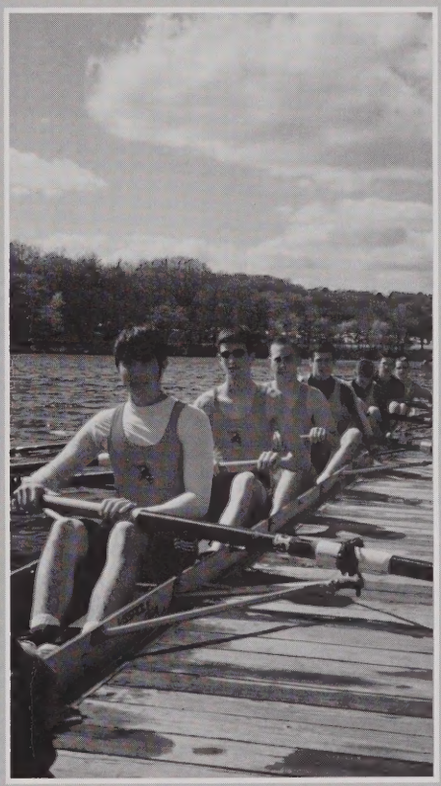

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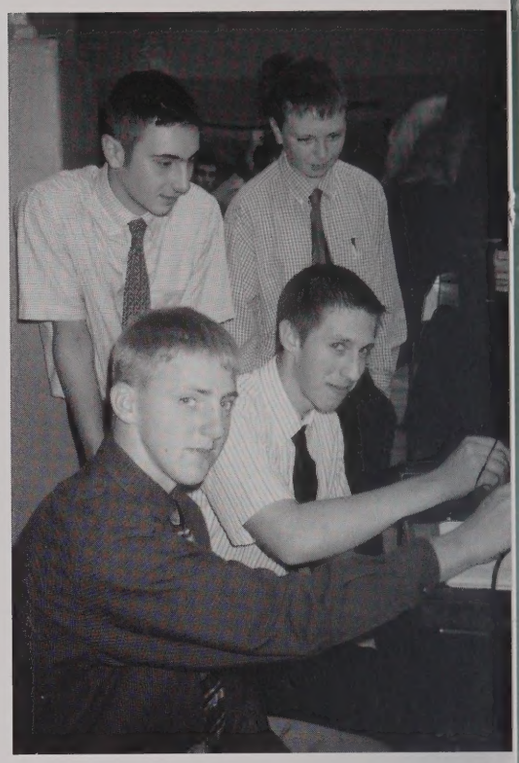

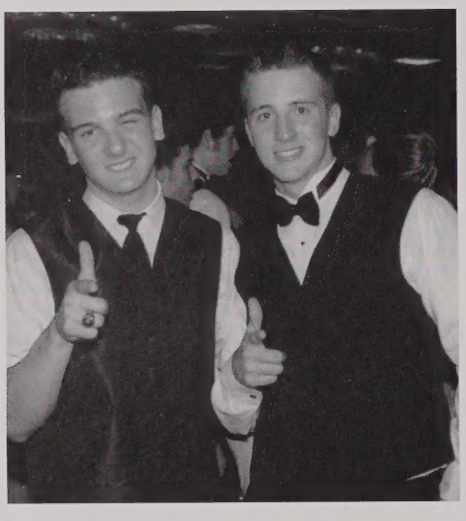

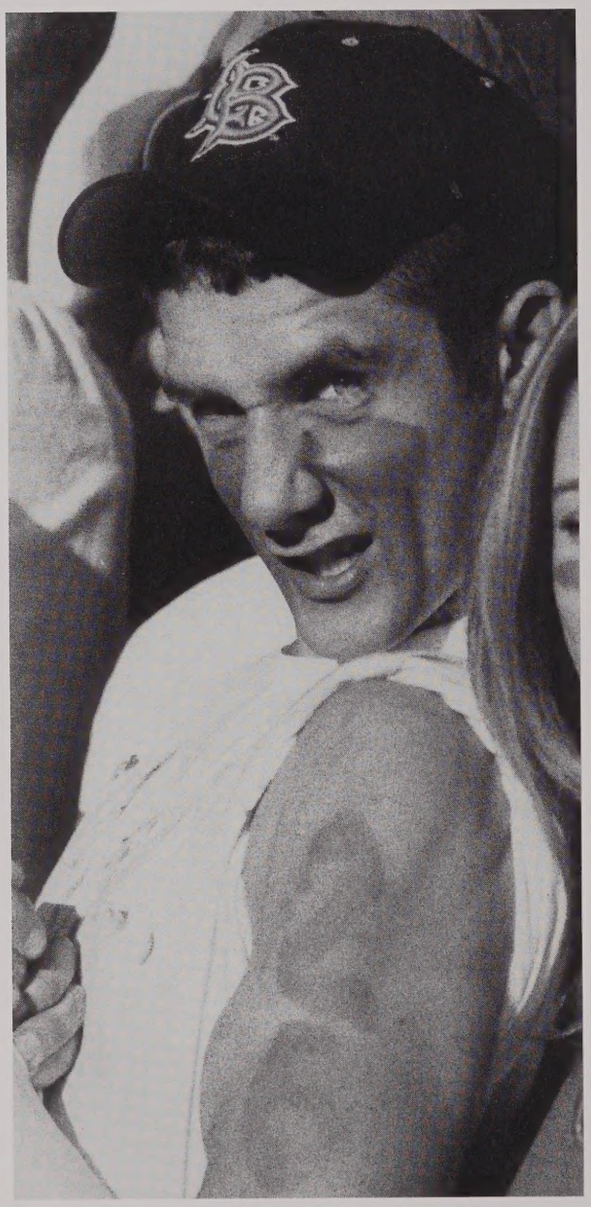

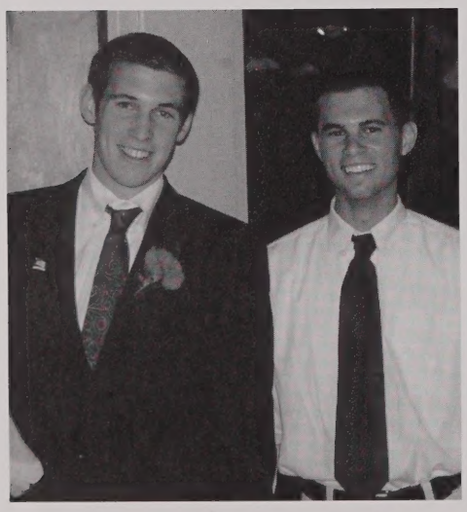

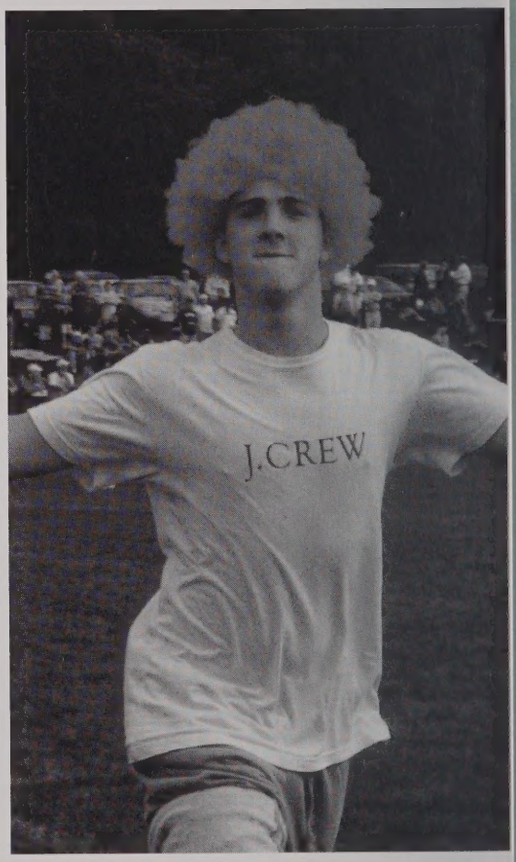
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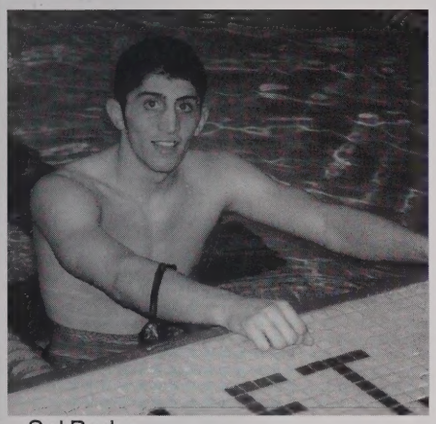
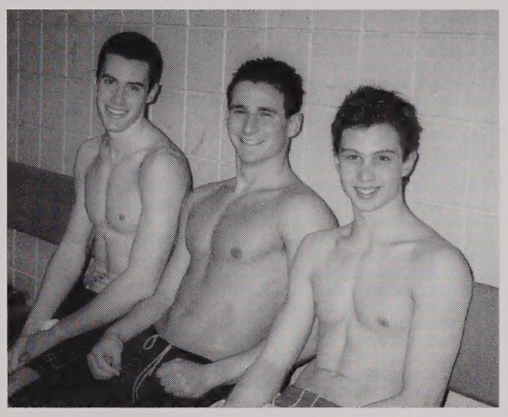
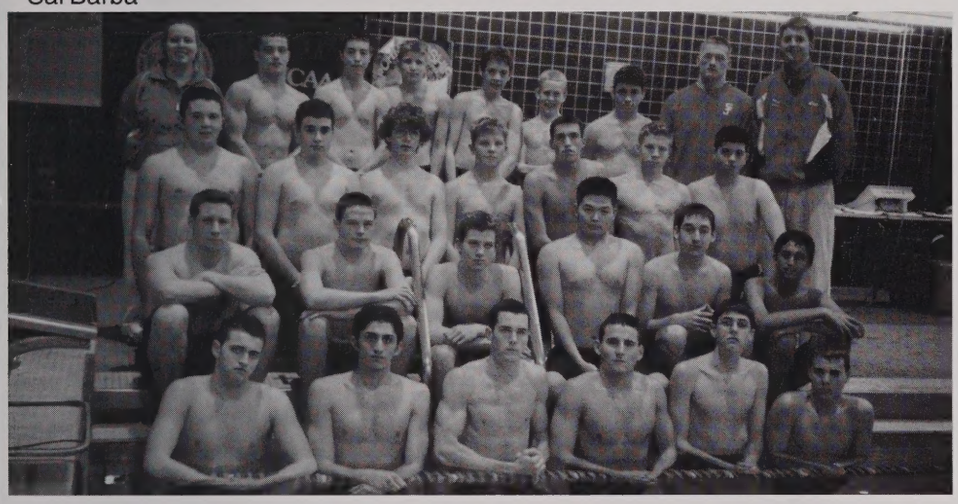
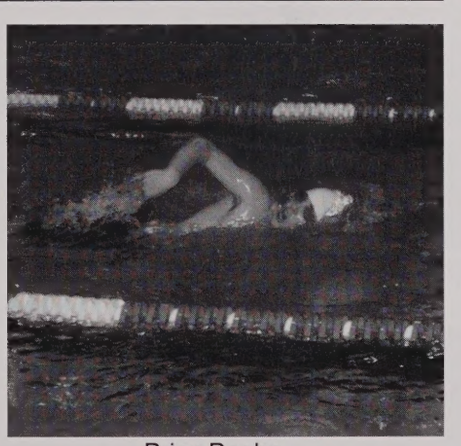


Sal Barba



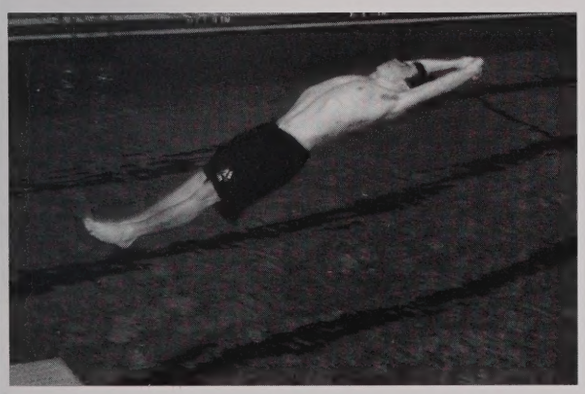


Front: Dennis Burke, Sal Barba, Peter Ryan, Pete Anderson, Rob O'Hearn, Peter Espe,
2nd row: Jordan Pollard, Casey Biggins, Brian St.Denis, John Suh, Nick Stoica, Paavan Mehta
3rd row: Brendan Donahue, Chris Miller Cassidy Clark, Brian Leary, Ryan Hagenbuch, Andrew Caola, Brendan McGuire
Back row: Ms. Lauren Copp (Coach), Kevin Yamada, Brian Beahn, Chad Mondor, Sean Russo, Matt Sanko, Tony McDonald, Jon Brannon, Mr. Mark Low (Coach)

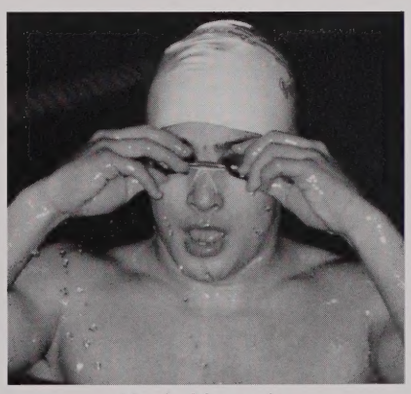


Brian Beahn

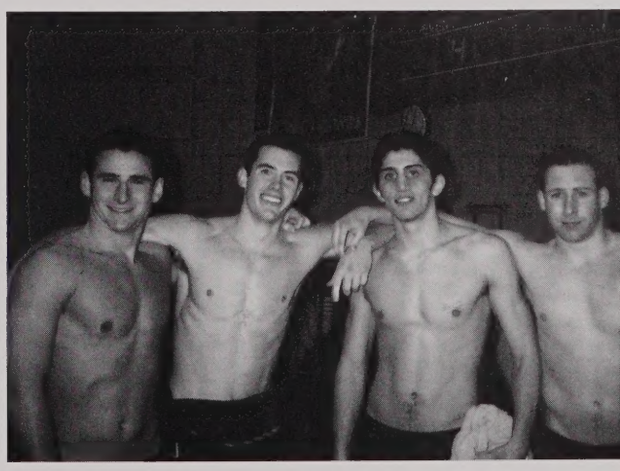
As the Saint John's Swim Team showed up to its first practice at Assumption a feeling of change was in the air. The Pioneers, looking to build on last year's best-ever 4th place finish at States, had a new coaching staff comprised of Mr. Lowe and Ms. Copp. The team had a few aces in their hand in sophomore Sal Barba, a returning State Champion, and freshman Kevin Yamada, and were captained by veterans Peter Anderson, Peter Ryan and Brian St. Denis. The team was able to finish the season with a 6-5 record and was able to compete for the first time with SJ Prep. After a disappointing 4th at the Catholic Championships, the team looked to dominate at Sectionals. The Pioneers won the first three events and took 2nd overall in the meet, the first ever won by Saint John's. The Medley relay team of Sal Barba, Kevin Yamada, Peter Anderson and Brian St. Denis easily cruised to the opening victory. Sal and Kevin followed with wins in the 200 Free and 200 IM; Sal later won the 100 Back as well. At the State meet held at Harvard, the Pioneer's strength of top swimmers was truly displayed. The Medley Relay again dominated, winning by over 4 seconds and energized the crowd. Sal's victories in the 200 Free and 100 Back (also a state record) earned him All-American status, while Kevin Yamada also won the 100 Breast and took 2nd in the 200 IM. Pete Anderson shocked the field to take 7th in the 50, and Brian St. Denis finished 5th in the 100 Free. The Pioneer's 400 Free Relay of Barba, Yamada, Pete Ryan and Brian St. Denis took 3rd, and broke the SJ record by 5 seconds. Jordan Pollard and John Suh along with Anderson and Ryan helped SJ to a 6th in the 200 Free Relay. All told, the Pioneers broke 7 school records and one state record to cap off a 3rd place finish in the state and the most successful season ever enjoyed by Saint John's.



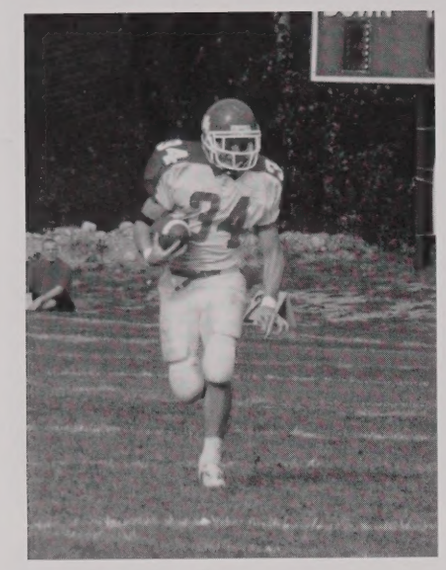
Tony McDonald takes the plunge.



Kevin Yamada



400 Freestyle Relay: Pete Anderson, Pete Ryan, Sal Barba, Jordan Pollard

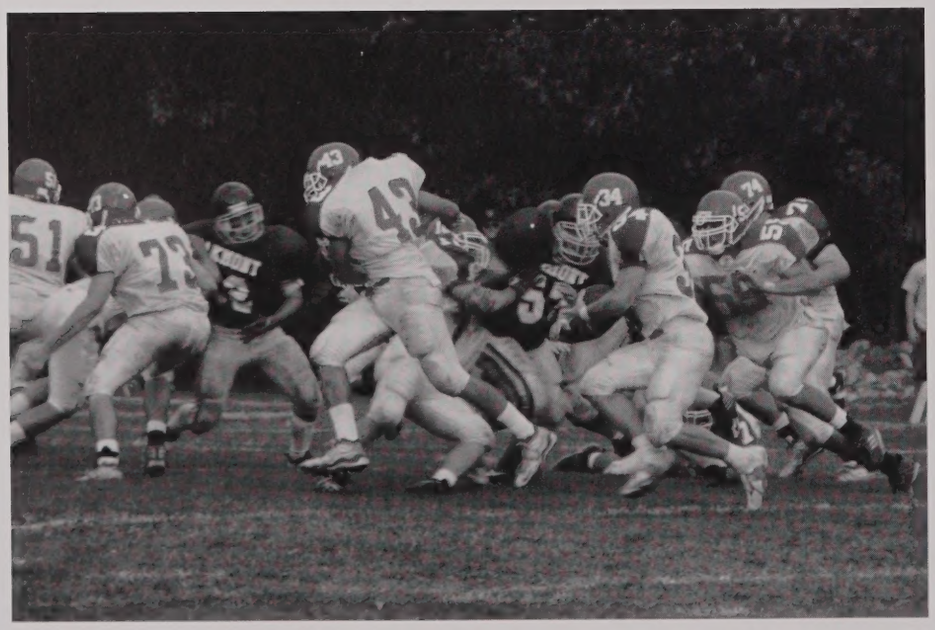


Brian Cammuso

Brian brought a terrific attitude and hard work ethic to this year's football team. Brian gave terrific contributions on the field and most importantly off the field, helping under classmen learn plays and being there to talk to his fellow teammates. Brian gave the Saint John's Pioneer Football Team a tremendous example of work ethic for others to aspire to.

Front: A.J. Atchue (mgr), Brian Abraham, Jay Ferguson, Pat Cusson, Brian Cammuso, Nick Albano, Mike Salerno, Peter Wood, Andrew Heald, Jesse Smith, Ryan Landes, Ted Perry, Gerry McGillicuddy, Zack Rivers, Zack Chapin, Billy Riggieri, Jared Hartzell (mgr)
Middle: Tyler Ingham (mgr), Justin Latino, Ryan Champlin, Jeff Murphy, Brett Kubiak, E.J. Atamian, Kevin Gleason, Mike Sjogren, Will Langlois, Pat Brenner, James McGillicuddy, Jon Stadig, Jason Boucher (mgr)
Back: Anthony D'Amico, Mike McNamara, Mark Seibold, John Pakaluk, Chris Cotter, Mike Raymond, Joe Garvey, Jamie White, Ross Pentland, Matt Kay, Joe Lalois, Liam Powers, Ben Pultorak, Mark Scola, Mark Slaughter, Pete Edwards, Ben Roopenian, Ryan Matson

Peter Wood sets up the offense. (above)



VARSITY FootBall

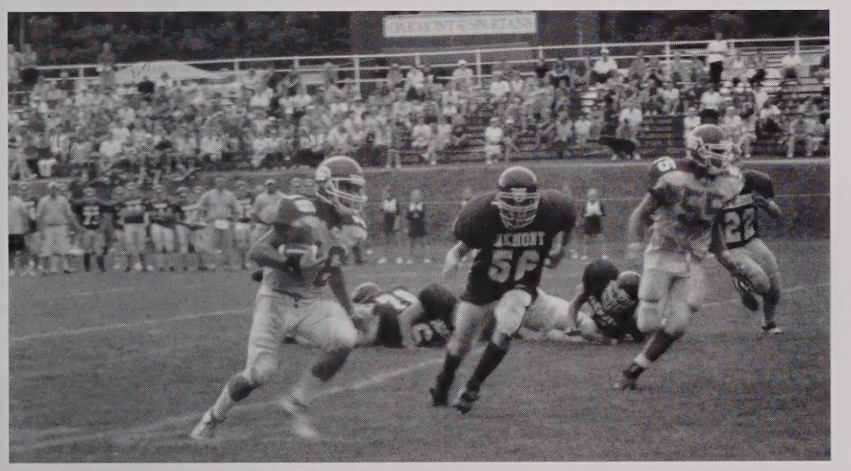
Those who stay will be champions.

Jesse Smith

The 2002 Saint John's Football Team went above and beyond expectations and had a most memorable season this year. Following a Super Bowl Championship is never easy. Nevertheless, the Pioneers battled on and finished the season with a solid statement to all. This year's team experienced the highs of success and some hardships as well, but the fight in them showed through it all. This squad has continued the high S.J. standard for future Pioneers to strive for, not only in terms of toughness, but most importantly, in terms of character and heart. This 2002 Saint John's Pioneer Football Team played one of the most admirable seasons ever.

The Pioneers tore up the competition with an explosive 7-0 start.They ended their season with a respectable 8-2 record. This team's success was greatly attributed to the seniors who displayed unparalleled leadership for the Pioneers. The 2002 squad was anchored by the key contributions of seniors A.J. Atchue (mgr), Brian Abraham, Jay Ferguson, Patrick Cusson, Brian Cammuso, Nick Albano, Mike Salerno, Peter Wood, Andrew Heald, Jesse Smith, Ryan Landers, Ted Perry, Gerry McGillicuddy, Zack Rivers, Zack Chapin, Bill Riggieri and Jared Hartzell (mgr). The Saint John's Pioneers of 2002 played with courage, heart, and determination throughout the season. It was a memorable year that we could all be proud of.

by Joe Lalos



Pete Wood takes it in himself.

Ted Perry kicks.

Andrew Heald makes his move.

Soccer

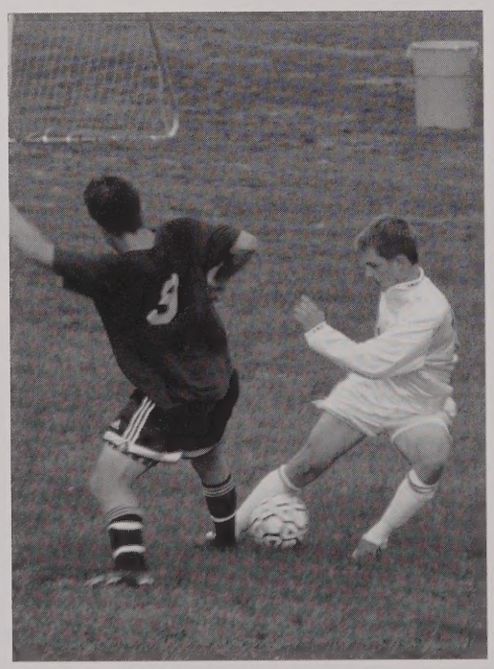
NEW TEAM NEW ATTITUDE

Soccer team wins another State Championship

The St. John's Soccer Team came out this year with something to prove. Looking to repeat the success of the 2001 season under a new coach. The team picked up right where they left off last year with a 5-0 trouncing of rival Wachusett in the opening game. Under the leadership of Captains Mike Brunell, Ryan Brunell and Matthew Perron and the spectacular play of the junior class, St. John's muscled its way to a 13-2-2 regular season record. When November comes around you can count on one thing: St. John's playoff soccer. After defeating North in the first round 5-0, St. John's met the undefeated number one ranked Leominster Blue Devils in a much anticipated battle of the soccer powerhouses. After a first half dogfight, St. John's pulled away in the second half on goals by Jarred Curry and Alex Bury and an invitation to the District Finals against Marlboro. A match fueled with passion and determination, St. John's muscled its way to a 2-0 win and captured a third District Title. In the State semi finals match verses Spring Cathedral, St. John's undoubtedly dominated the game on route to its second straight State Final appearance. The defending State Champion Pioneers went into the final game with a mission and the first half showed some of the finest soccer ever seen on a high school field. After building a 3-0 lead St. John's was able to hold of a pesky Dartmouth team to win its unprecedented second straight State Title. The St. John's Soccer Team finished the season ranked 18th nationally.

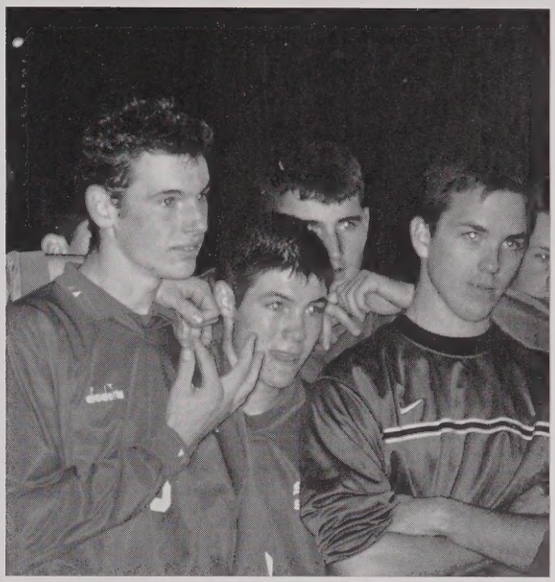
By Matt Perron

STATE CHAMPS!



Geoff Stoker makes his move.

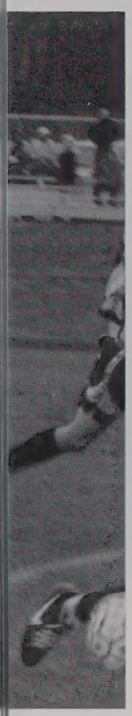
Matt Perron and John Kneeland close ranks.



Where would we be with out our FANS?!

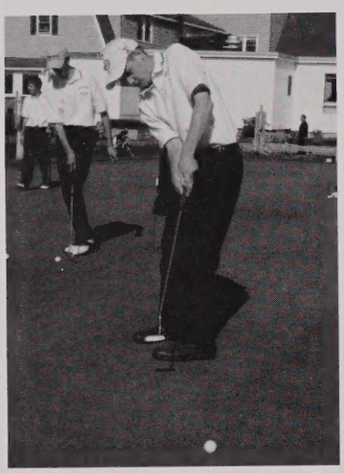
Alex Bury in total control.

Mike Darling makes a bee line for the goal.



VARSITY TEAM: Alex Bury, Ben Davis, Mike Darling, Kyle Tierney, Matt Perron, David Vitello, Ryan Brunell, Mike Brunell, Andrew Creen, Henry Ruggeriero, Simon Hutchinson, Geoff Stoker, Jarred Curry, John Kneeland, Rory O'Connor, Brendan Neschke, Mark Mooradian, Sebastian Hutchinson, Nick Krouse, Luke DeCiccio, Nick Papalilo, Coach John Loftus

TheVarsity Golf Team:
Top Row: Mr. Prendiville, Mike May, Garett Wentzel, JT Cooney, Todd Seaver, John Melander, Brendan Duggan, Mr. Taylor. Bottom Row: Andy Hastings, Ted Swiderski, Dan Rudge, and Mike Sullivan.



Garrett Wentzel

Garrett was the heart and soul of this team. He plays to win every time out. That is what makes him a great competitor.

JT Cooney lines up the picture perfect putt.

The starting five prepare for another day on the course.
Andy Hastings, John Melander, Mike Sullivan, J.T.Cooney, Garrett Wentzel

GOLF

VARSITY

Another Great Year!

The 2002 St. John's Golf Team was one of the most talented teams in recent St. John's history. The Golf Team finished with an impressive 14-3-1 regular season record. Seniors Dan Rudge, JT Cooney, Andy Hastings, Todd Seaver, and John Melander led the charge for the Pioneers, accompanied by a strong supporting cast of Juniors: Garrett Wentzell, Mike Sullivan, Jeff Duggan, Mike May, and Brian Cariglia.

In 2002, the Pioneers went into Districts with high hopes of winning yet another District Championship. Unfortunately, they left Districts with an uncharacteristic fourth place finish. Garrett Wentzell finished a team best fourth place in the Tournament. The fourth place finish was still enough to qualify the Pioneers for the State Championship. The Pioneers once again only had a mediocre day, finishing a solid 8th place in the field of fourteen. Garrett Wentzell led the Pioneers with an eighth place finish in the State.

The St. Johns Golf Team had a successful season. Although the seniors did not finish the way they would have liked, they left their mark on SJ displaying their exceptional golf talent and leadership. They also left the door wide open for the future classes to pick up where they left off.

By Jon Atchue and Joe Caffrey

Coach Prendiville gives his advice and tips on strategy to J.T. Cooney, and John Melander before a match.

The Junior Varisty Golf Team.

Cross Country

The Cross Country Pioneers started practice at the end of August, the same as any other year. However, this season was different from past ones. After losing all but three of their top eleven runners, the team was young and left with only high hopes as the season began.

As the season continued, improvements were made and the captains showed great leadership. Captains Matt Heard, Kevin Fisher, and Matt Labreche worked hard to set the example of determination. Seniors Brian Burlas, Mike O'Brien, Tim Ritacco, Chris Anthony, and juniors Jon Saviet and Brian Watrous made up the rest of the team's upperclassmen. The depth of the team was found in sophomores Nick Gallagher, Matt Palmgren, Jake Devereaux, Ben Saviet, and Mike Duggan. Freshman Matt Tieuli was a great addition to the team.

The team finished with an impressive dual meet record of 9-1, a second place finish at the Wachusett Invitational, and they participated in the Bay State Invitational. At the District E meet at Gardener Municipal Golf Course, a fourth place finish was not the high point of the team's season, but Matt Tieuli's stellar performance did send him to the State Meet in Boston to represent St. John's. The 2002 Cross Country season taught the team to respect and welcome the greater competition to come, and the need to work even harder.

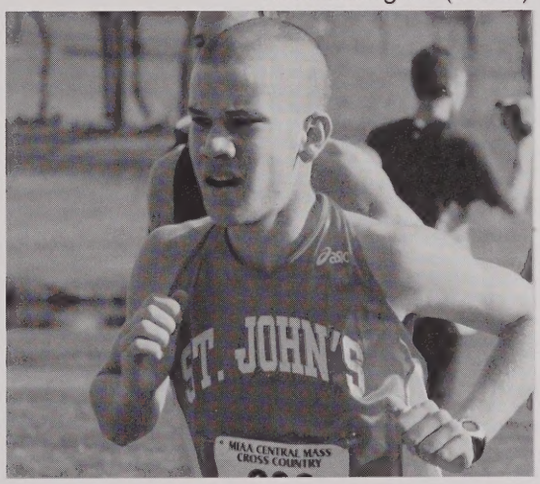
By Jon Saviet '04

Back row: Mike O'Brien,Tim Ritacco, Greg Wheeler, Jake Devereaux, Kevin Fisher, Matt Heard, Rich Coleman, Matt Labreche, Chris Doyle Chris Anthony, Ryan Hagenbuch, Brian Watrous, (missing) Jon Saviet
Front row: Ben Saviet, Matt Tieuli, Matt Palmgren, Brian Burlas, Nick Gallagher

Matt Tieuli (below)

Matt Heard (below)

Brian Burlas (above),
Nick Gallagher (below)



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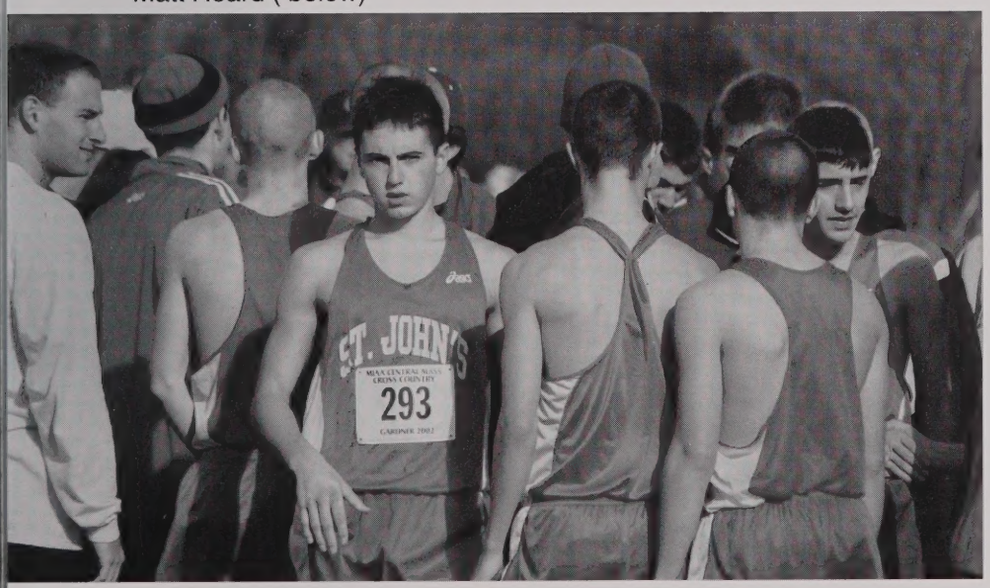


SKI

During the endless winter of 2003, the St. John's Ski Team was able to piece together another very successful season. Since the creation of the Ski Team, just five years ago, it has grown from an original nineteen guys to a new squad of thirty-seven. For those five years Saint John's has remained undefeated in its league and has continued to clench the Central Mass. Catholic Conference Title every year. Leading the team to its most successful season yet was the new head coach Sandy Genna, with the help of captains Matt Grenier and Matt Zybert. Racing on Mondays and practicing from the summit of Ward Hill on Thursdays, the Ski Team was able to make some drastic improvements in technique and form. This season Saint John's took 7 of the top 10 places in the Central Mass. Catholic Conference and had many racers who just missed the cut. After winning the Conference, they were able to send those seven racers to the MIAA State Championships at Berkshire East on February 26th. Those seven guys were Bryan Donovan, Mike Syslo, Bret Hultgren, Matt Grenier, Eric Kronlund, Andy Trainor, and William Hetzler. They represented Saint John's well, placing 11th in the state.

By Bryan Donovan and Ralph Crowley

MIAA State Alpine Championship.
Andy Trainor, Matt Grenier (Captian), Brett Hultgren, Mike Syslo, Eric Krondlund
Bryan Donovan, William Hetzler

Eric Kronlund

The Varsity Ski Team

Bryan Donovan

Brett Hultgren

Fall CREW

This fall season brought much uncertainty to this year's Crew Team. Having lost 13 seniors from last year and lacking any size in this year's junior and senior class, this year was dubbed a "rebuilding year". However the rowers set out to change that notion. After a grueling week of land workouts, the team got on the water. The team trekked to Albany where the1st and 2nd boats collected a first and third place finish. The following week, the 1st boat was engaged in a 3 mile dogfight against Bates College in the Textile River Regatta and finshed 3rd to MIT and Bates (by 1 second). For the rest of the season the Varsity was split into two parties, a four and an eight. The Four, comprised of Pete Ryan, Andrew Hashway (captian), Dave Wheeler, Joe Donahue and coxswain Joe Nozzolillo, won both races in New Hampshire and Connecticut. The Eight took 5th in the Head of the Connecticut. The final race of the season was the prestigious Head of the Charles, the largest head race in the world.

Hampered by a minute penalty, the Eight took 46th place. However, the Four raced near perfection and built speed as the race progressed. They took the lead from Gunnery with a mile to go and won a Gold Medal in the High School Division by 10 seconds. They finished 5th overall in the Junior Fours Division, being beaten only by collegiate powerhouses Princeton, Yale Wisconsin, and Northeastern. St. John's compiled 4 Gold Medals through the sea-on. Not bad for a rebuilding year!

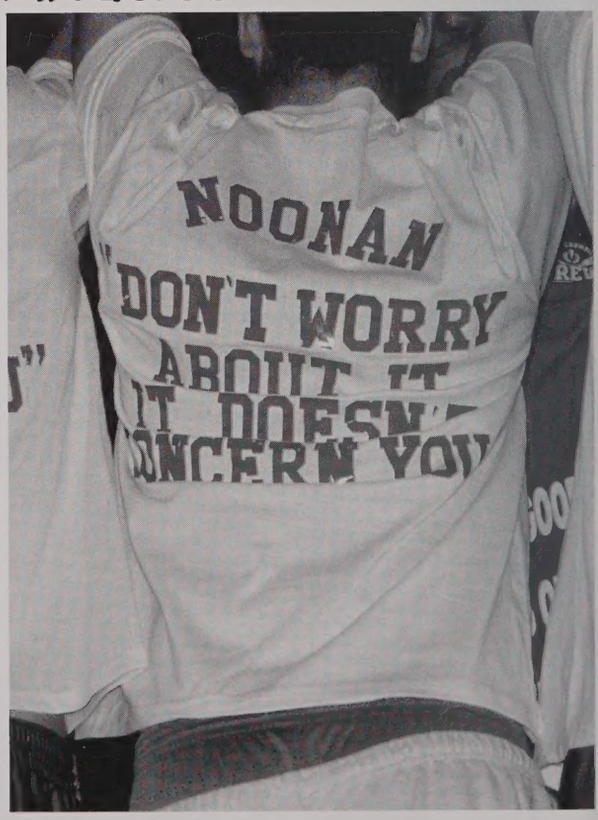
Peter Ryan, Andrew Hashway, Sam Kenary, Joe Donahue, Joe Nozzolillo, Dave Wheeler, Julian Turcotte, Brian Freniere, Greg Stevens, Coach Ermilio.

Mr Welch congratulates Dave Wheeler, Peter Ryan, Andrew Hashway, Joe Nozzollilo, and Joe Donohue on their First Place win at the Head of the Charles.

District Champs!

Ryan Cain: UNSTOPPABLE!

S.J. FANatics



Congratulations!

Brian Darcy: Power move against Burncoat.

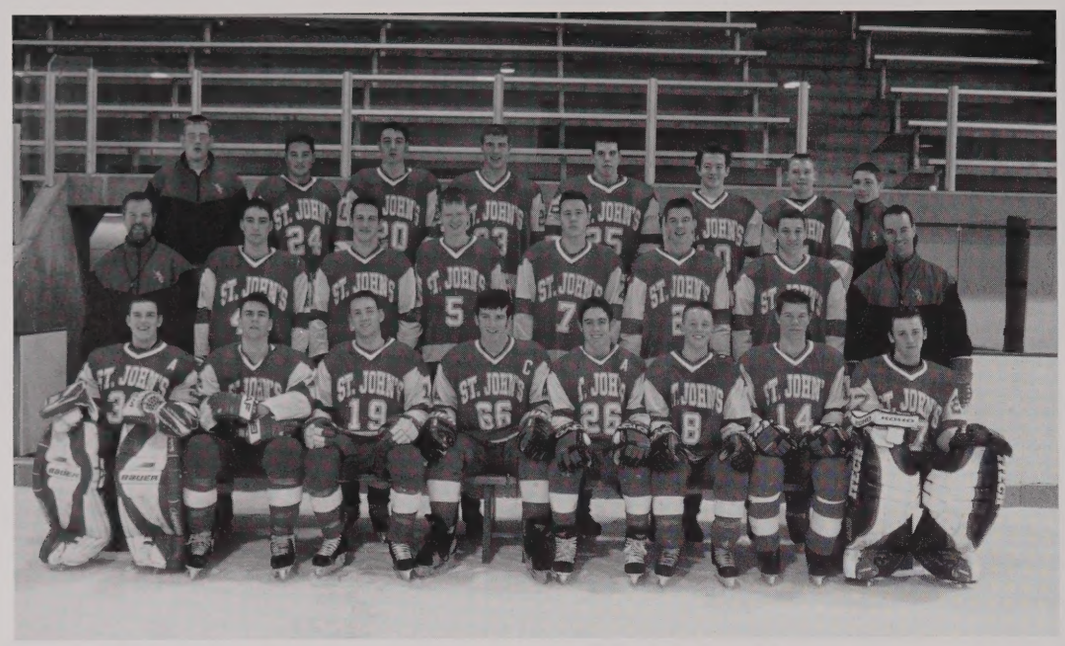
Basketball

This year's Basketball Team set high standards for themselves, but fell one game short of the ultimate goal: playing in the State Championship game. Never the less it was a tremendous season for the Pioneers on the hardwood, finishing with a final record of 22-3, winning the Central Mass Conference title and capturing back to back District Titles. The team was led both on and off the court by their five seniors: Brian Darcy, Mike Salerno, Ryan Cain, James Daigneault, and Matt Foley. Brian Darcy finished his career with 986 points, and was also a McDonald's All-American nominee and named the Massachusetts High School Player of the Year.

The game that really defined this year's season was the State Semifinal game against Amherst. The Pioneers jumped out to an early lead and things looked great. But Amherst was able to rally back and take the lead. The game went back and forth with both teams exchanging leads until Amherst went on a run. The Pioneers never gave up or backed off, but instead fought harder and got back into the game. The Pioneers were lead by senior Ryan Cain who would refuse to let this game get out of hand pouring in a game high 34 points. It came down to the last possession but in the end, the Pioneers came up a little short and Amherst was able to prevail and eventually go on and win the State Championship. This year's team was honored at halftime of that game by being chosen as the team in the state who displayed the best sportsmanship and received an award for this honor. St. John's defeated Gardner in the District Quarterfinals, Leominster in the District Semifinal and a tough Burncoat team in the Final before losing to Amherst. All in all, it was a great season for St. John's Basketball and will be remembered for years to come.

By Andy Hippert

Standing: Coach Bob Foley, Tom Spears (video), Kevin Ritchie (stats), Matt Nigro, Matt Badjo, Brian Darcy, Mike Gately, Andrew McLaren, Jim Daignault, Joe Garvey, James Marois, Bob Foley, Jr. (Ass't Coach), Mr. Ken Webster (Ass't Coach).
Seated: Andrew Hippert, Mike Raymond, Ross Pentland, Mike Salerno, Mr. Frank Tomaiolo, Ryan Cain, Matt Foley, Alex Berg, Ryan Champlin, Scott Anctil (mgr.)



Varsity:

Top row: Dan Flood (mgr), Mike Direda, Mike Clark, Phil Demers, Peter Cox, Brad Baldelli, Corey Everett, Chris Kasabula (mgr)
Middle row: Mr. Brian Murphy (coach), Chris Cote, Pat Brenner, Tom Ford, Andy Murphy, Mike Hanlon, Ben Doherty, Mr. Michael Mead (coach)
Front row: Matt Gorman, Steve Gagnon, Kyle Crosson, Matthew Vokes, Tom Dolan, Mike Daley, Julian Turcotte, Ray Monroe

Mike Direda and Brad Baldelli

SENIORS! Kyle Crosson, Steve Gagnon, Mike Daly, Matt Gorman, Matt Vokes, Tom Dolan, Julian Turcotte.

Steve Gagnon makes his move!

Matt Vokes, always ready.

Celebrate!

Hockey

The 2003 St. John's Varsity Hockey Team consisted of 21 players with a genuine love of the game. Despite playing a very competitive regular season schedule, the Pioneers achieved a record of 14-6-1 with convincing wins over teams such as St. John's Prep, Arlington Catholic, and Austin Prep. Led by a group of seven experienced seniors, the team gained a berth in the prestigious Super Eight Tournament, but a defeat at the hands of Chelmsford knocked them into the Division 1 Tournament. Along the way, St. John's gained wins over both Matignon and Billerica (by the impressive score of 6-3). The team also defeated the #1 seed ,Winchester, in a grueling match-up at the Fleet Center that went into sudden death overtime. However, a heartbreaking loss to Springfield Cathedral by a one goal deficit ended the hopes of a State Championship Title. The Pioneers should be proud of their acomplishments and proved that they could be competitive against some of the best hockey teams in the state. Congratulations and best wishes to the graduating seniors!

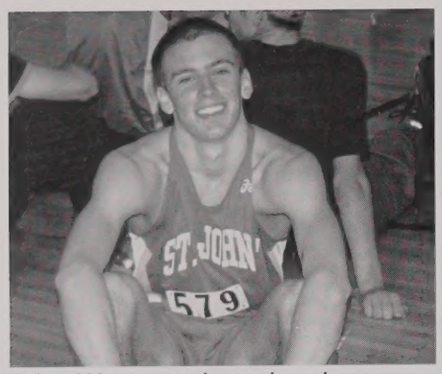
By Tom Dolan

Mike Daly

Tom Dolan waits his turn.

Matt Gorman and Matt Vokes

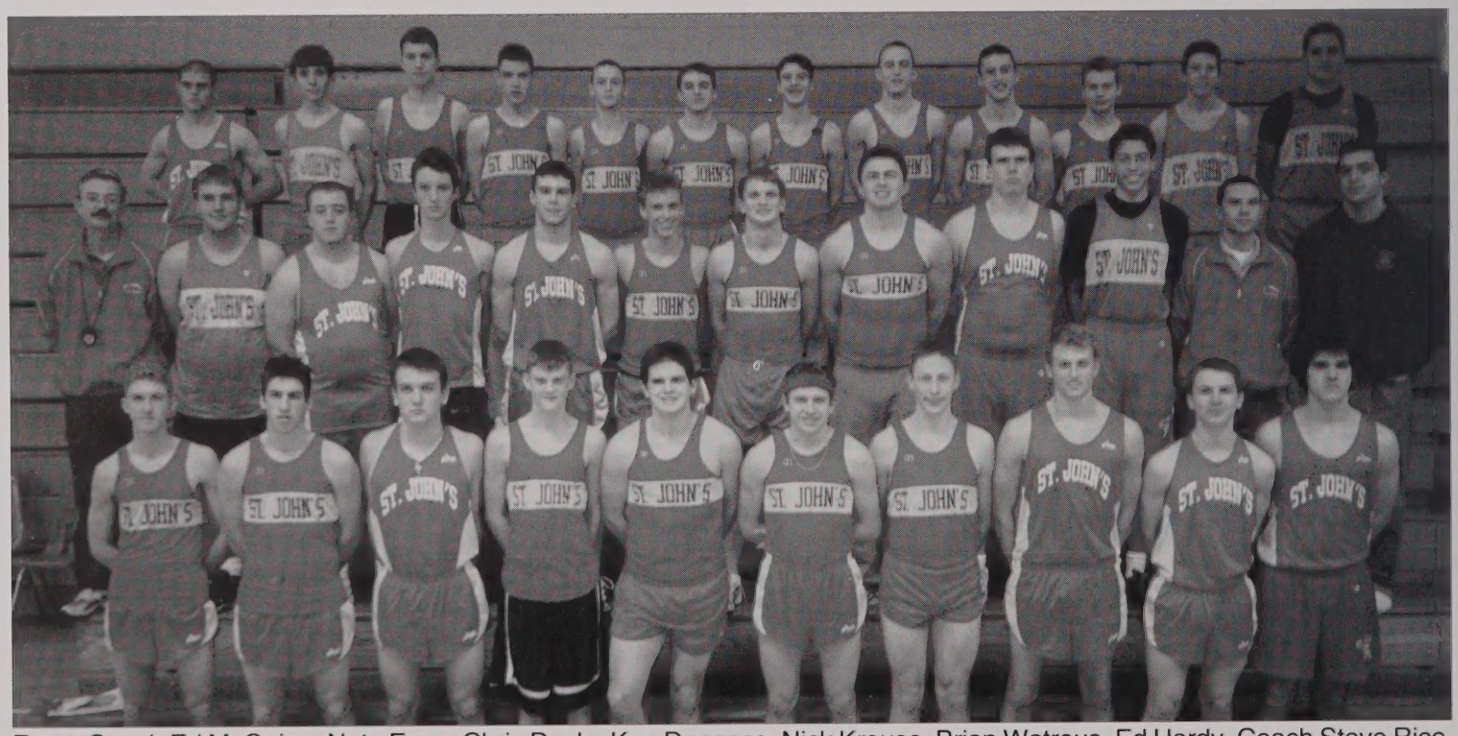
Julian Turcotte turns the corner.



Brian Watrous takes a break.

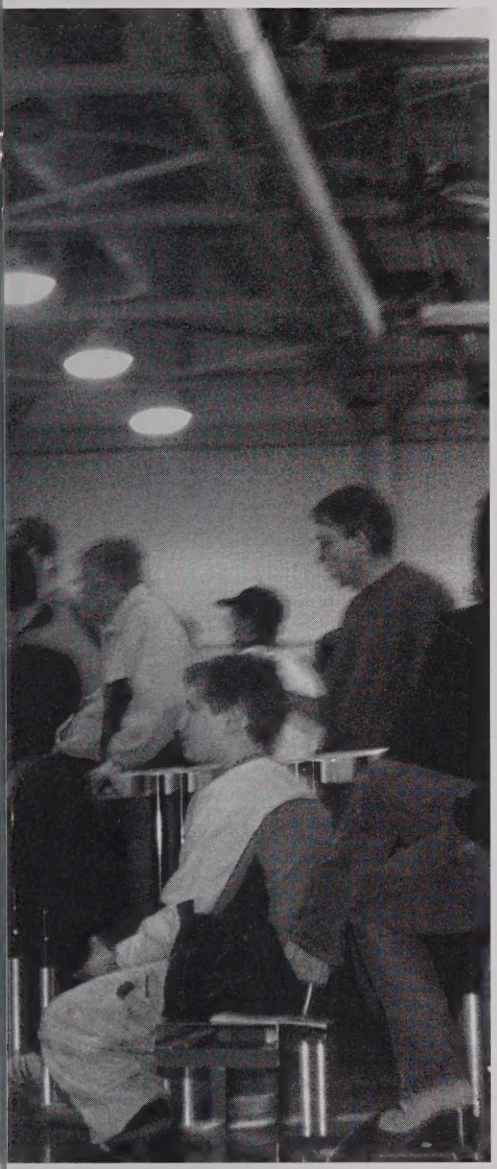
The Amazing Spiderman, Ken Depasse! (*T&G*)

Nick Krouse and Jon Saviet


Front: Coach Ed McGuinn, Nate Enos, Chris Doyle, Ken Depasse, Nick Krouse, Brian Watrous, Ed Hardy, Coach Steve Rice
Middle: Andy Eichman, Jeff Murphy, Matt Labreche, Jake Deveraux, Matt Teuli, Jay Merrill, Matt Palmgren
Back: John Kullak, Brian Burlas, Mike Richardson, Matt Consigli, Mike Cassista, Cem Kayateken, Kevin O'Connell

Indoor Track

VARSITY



Kevin Fisher

Nate Enos whips around the corner.

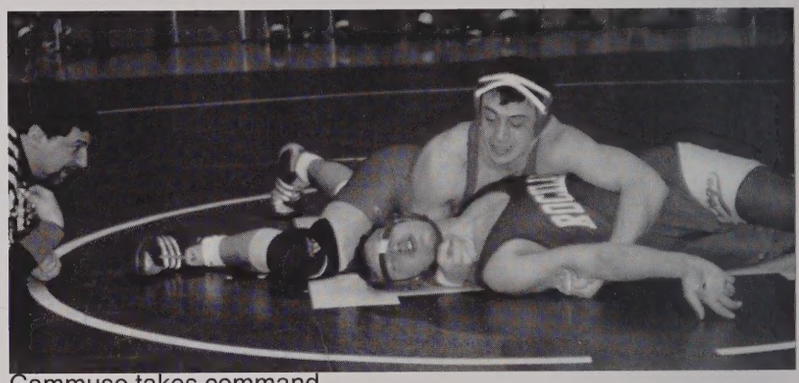
District Champs!

Chris Doyle, leader of the pack.

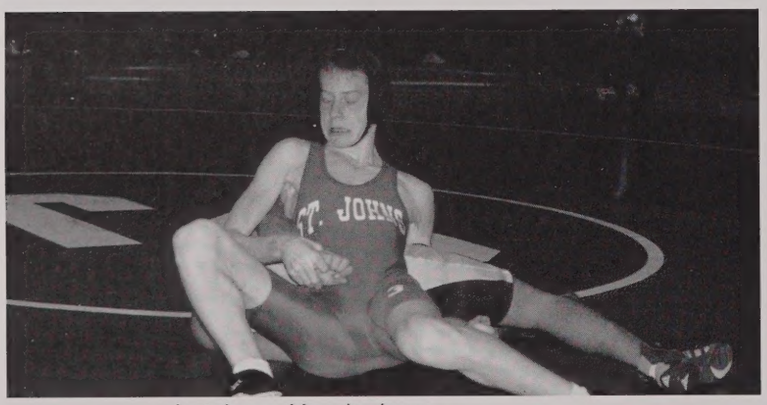
WRESTLING

The St.John"s Wrestling Team made its way through an extremely tough schedule during the 2002-2003 season. Under the coaching of Ladd Lavellee, John Keene, and Sasha Boriakoff, the leadership of captians Brian Cammuso and Charlie Keene, the team proved itself worthy of competing with the best teams in the state. Seniors Fred Lotsbom and Scott Gilmond also served as leaders throughout the season. Though half of the varsity lineup consisted of underclassmen, the team exceeded expectations in the post season by placing fifth in the extremely competitive Division 1 North Sectional Tournament. Brian Cammuso (171 lbs.) made an impressive finish at Sectionals, beating some of the best to place second. Junior Anthony D'Amico (160 lbs.) won his weight class, becoming the youngest sectional champion in the history of the program. Seniors Fred Lotsbom (215lbs.) and Charlie Keene (145lbs.) placed 5th and 6th respectively; along with junior Eric Forrest (135lbs.) finished second in a competive division. With sophmores James McGillicuddy(275lbs.) taking third, Jeff Bercume (103lbs) and Chris Harvey (140lbs.) both taking 5th, half of the varsity lineup qualified for the D1 State Tournament. Anthony D'Amico went on to place 4th at States, qualifying him for the All State Tournament. With its excellent coaching and huge amount of young talent, the St. John's Wrestling Team will undoubtedly be a top competitor over the next few years.

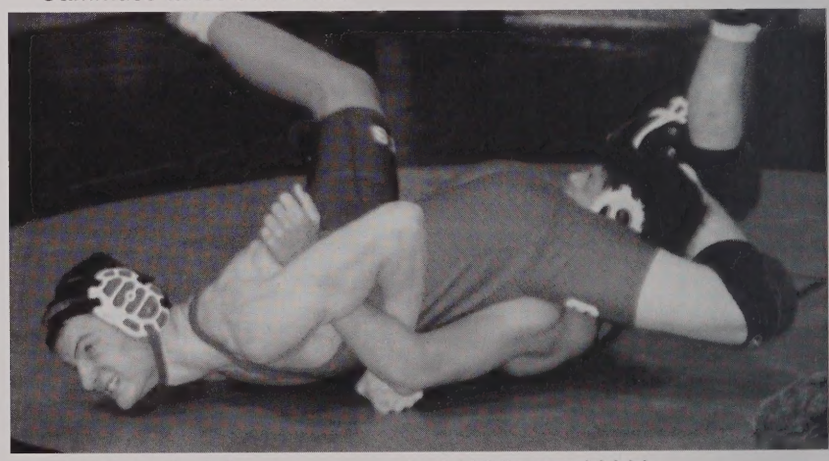
Top: Alex Putnam, Dan Virgil, Mike Colebrook, Brendan Cherry, Brendan Hendrix, Jon Stadig, Jeremy Radzik, Tim O'Mara, Henry Eiseman, Ryan Matson, Pete Rugg, Jon Page.
Middle:Lee Gavin, Scott Gilmond, Andrew Loach, Adam Matson, Ethan Johnson, Chris Harvey, Ethan Klausmeyer, Mark Ancona, John Hamer, Andrew Koral.
Front: Mr. Ladd Lavallee (coach), Fred Lotsbom, Peter Capomacchio, Scott O'Reilly, Anthony D'Amico, Charlie Keene, Jeff Bercume, James McGillicuddy, Eric Forrest, Mr. J. Keene (coach).



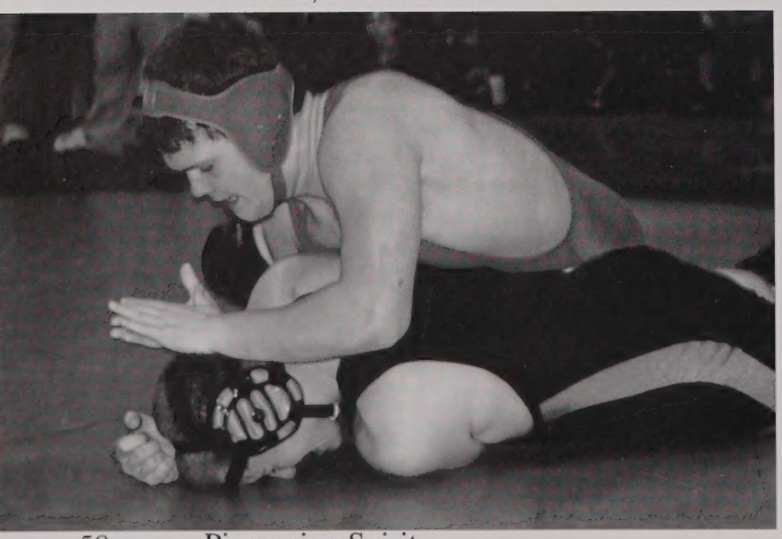
Cammuso takes command.



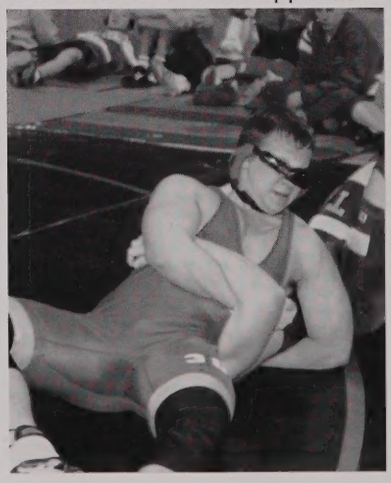
Lotsbom, Hands down.



A" Keene" win!



Gilmond crushes the opposition.



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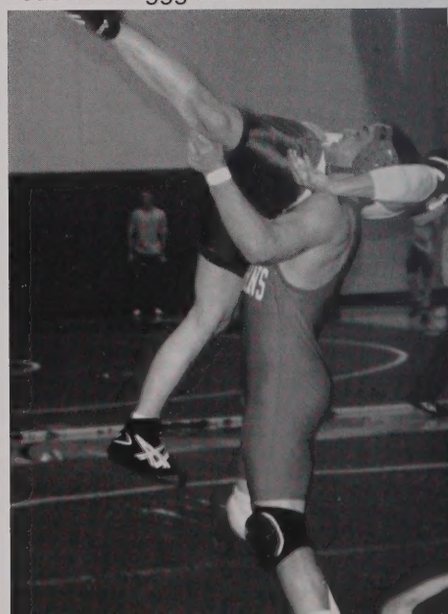


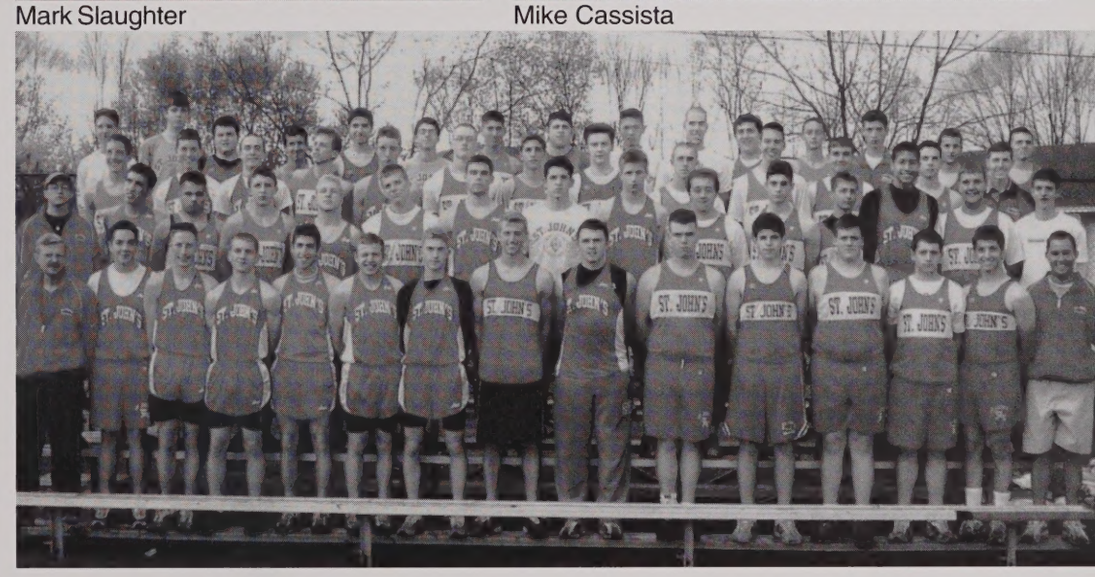
Spring TRACK

Ed Hardy

Mark Slaughter

Mike Cassista

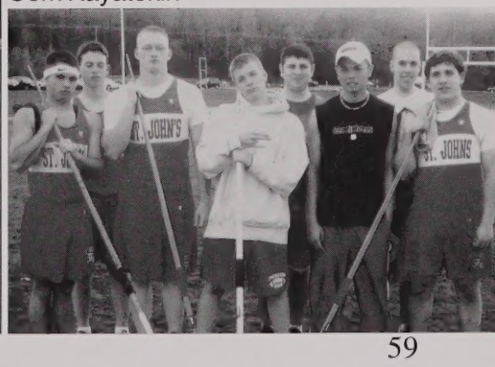
Nick Krouse sets a record for the mile!



Chris Flynn flies

Todd Nichols

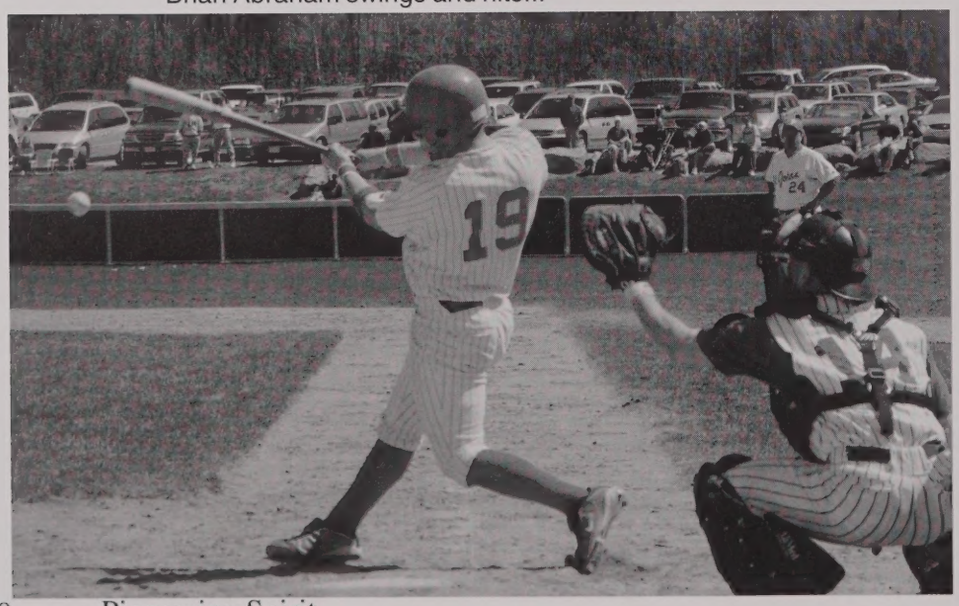
Cem Kayatekin

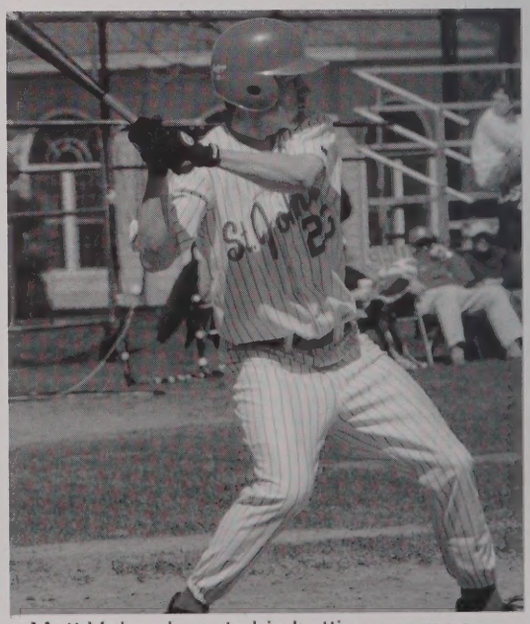


The Varsity Team included: Matt Abraham, Greg Gawlick, Ken Depasse, Matt Pepin, Lance Zawadzki, Ryan Crowley, Brian Abraham, Dan Moynaugh, Nick Murphy, Bill Riggieri, Pat Salmon, Matt Perron, Andrew Heald, Mike Campbell, Brian Quaglieri, Pat Landers, Mike Salerno, Andrew Creen, Matt Vokes, Tom Shea, TJ Potter, Coach William White, asst. Ron Darling and Tom Turco, Matt Simokonis (mgr).

Lance gets ready.

Brian Abraham swings and hits...





Matt Vokes boosts his batting average.

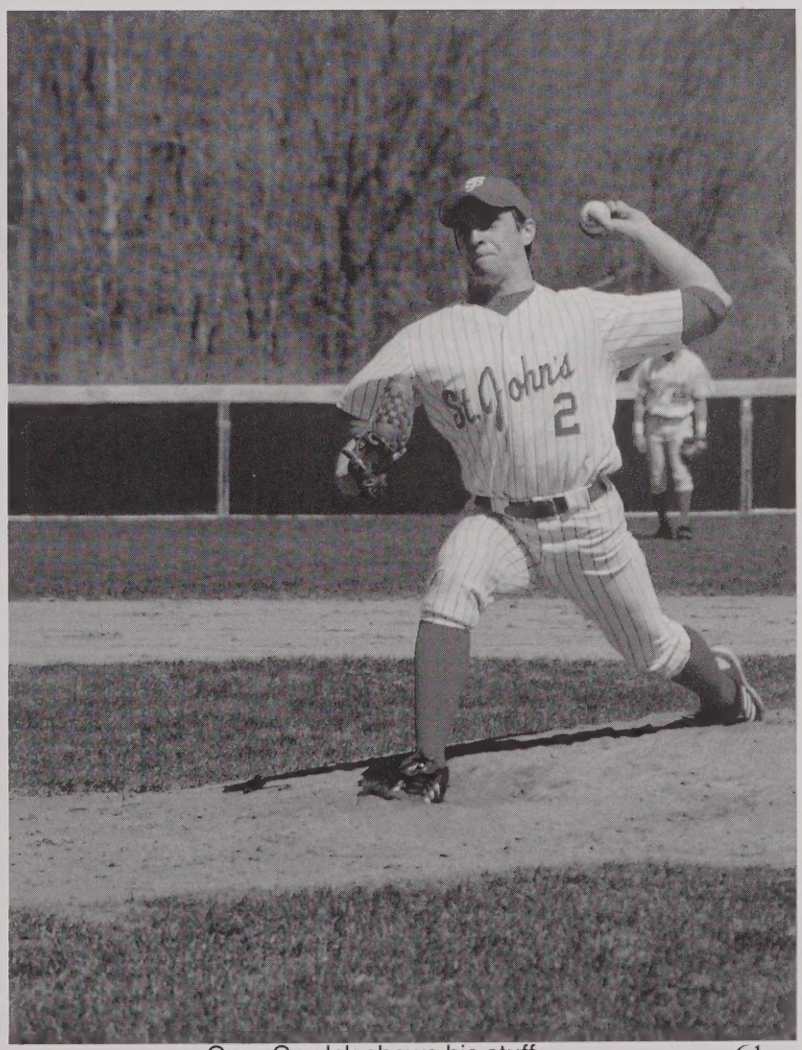
Baseball

Following a State Championship in 2002, the 2003 Baseball team entered the season with high expectations. The players responded, winning their first 15 games, and attaining the 13th spot in Baseball America's national rankings.

This club featured 5 players who were 3-year starters: catcher Brian Abraham, second baseman Tom Shea, shortstop Lance Zawadzki, outfielder Matt Perron, and pitcher Ryan Crowley. Crowley led an outstanding pitching staff with an 8-1 record and 0.51 ERA. A team ERA of 1.42, and opponents' batting average of .178 attest to the dominance of the Pioneer pitchers. This team allowed only 59 runs, while scoring 165. The potent offense was led by seniors Matt Vokes (.391) and Zawadzki (.370). This club was also the last team to have the privilage to be coached by Mr. Bill White who is retiring after 16 very sucessful seasons as the varsity baseball coach.

Despite a brilliant 10 1/3 inning effort by senior lefty Greg Gawlik, the Pioneers lost a heartbreaking 13-inning game to Milford in the District Semifinals. Compiling a final record of 19 wins and 5 losses, the 2003 team, though disappointed in the end, still ranks as one of the best in the great tradition of St. John's Baseball.

OUT!



Greg Gawlck shows his stuff.

DISTRICT CHAMPS

Pat Gaffney

Tony McDonald

VARSITY LACROSSE

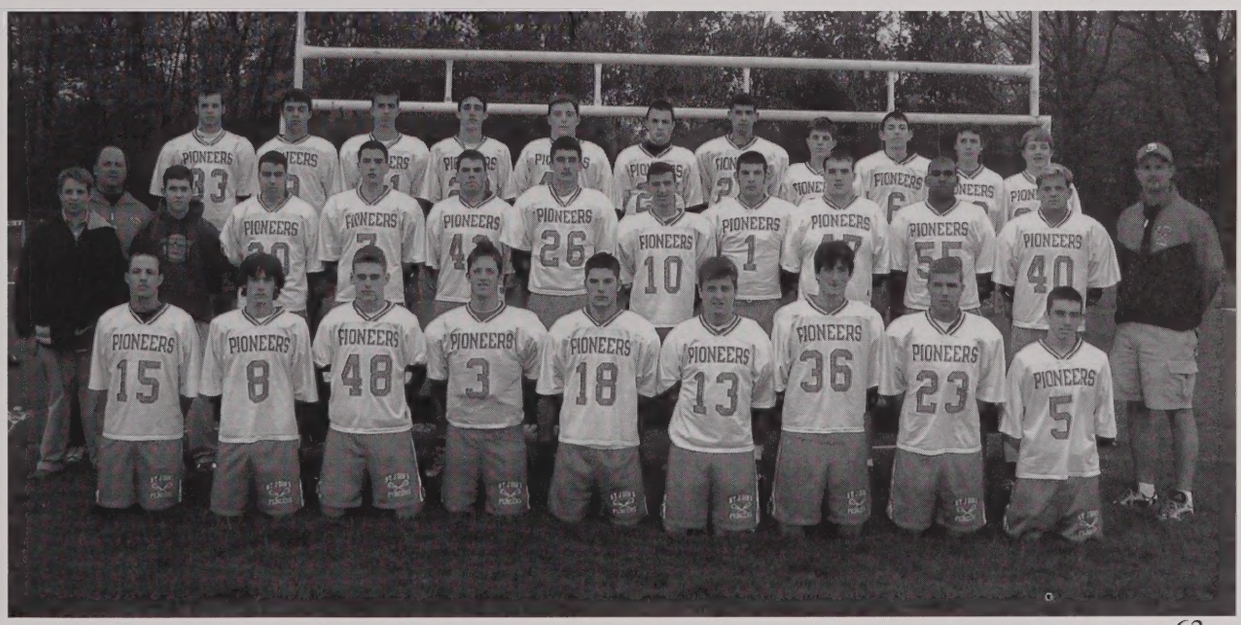
The 2003 St. John's Lacrosse Team began its season with the same basic goal it had last year, to win eight games in order to get to the Districts. SJ got off to a great start with a thrilling overtime victory against St. John's Prep. In the next game the Pioneers were blown out by a dominating Malden Catholic team. This game taught them that they had a lot of work to do in order to get to the level of some of the state's best. As the season rolled on, the intensity was cranked up and the team was able to win easily over most of their opponents. Two hard fought losses from Cohasset (9-8) and B.C. High (8-7), taught the team that at times, they were capable of playing with anyone in the state. St. John's lost to Algonquin in overtime late in the regular season. SJ was determined to prove they were the best in the league. Coach Robert Vigeant moved lacrosse head quarters to the football practice feilds, where the team worked harder than they ever had before. St. John's capped off their sucessful season with an exciting win over SPM (15-8) in monsoon-like weather to capture the District Championship. One day of practice later, they were playing on Pioneer field for a shot at the State Finals. However, SJ came up short against an experienced and powerful Amherst Pelham team. This Year's seniors (Pat Gaffney, Dan Lauring, Jay Ferguson, John Wilson, Neil Donnelly, Jesse Smith, Gerry McGillicuddy, Mike Forts, Paul Dufault, Kirk Lane, Andrew Barbadora and Tanner Moran) have helped to bring St. John's Lacrosse to the doorstep of being one of the state's best.

By Jay Ferguson

Neil Donnelly

Dan Lauring

Jason Kahn, Pat Scannell, Mike Sjogren, Neil Donnelly, Corey Conserva, Corey McLaughlin, Jake Hardy, Phil Demers, Tony McDonald, Dan Carney, Andrew Dumas, Mike Clark, Tanner Moran, Jay Ferguson, Pat Gaffney, Dan Lauring, E.J. Atamian, Gerry McGillicuddy, Jesse Smith, John Wilson, Mike Forts, Paul Dufault, Pete Lauring, Brett Davis, Kirk Lane, J.M. Aubuchon, Andrew Barbadora, Chris Jacobson, Luke Biggins, Josh Villa, Tim Dustin, Nischal Nadig, Jeff Moore, Casey Conserva, Coach Vigeant, Coach Kelly



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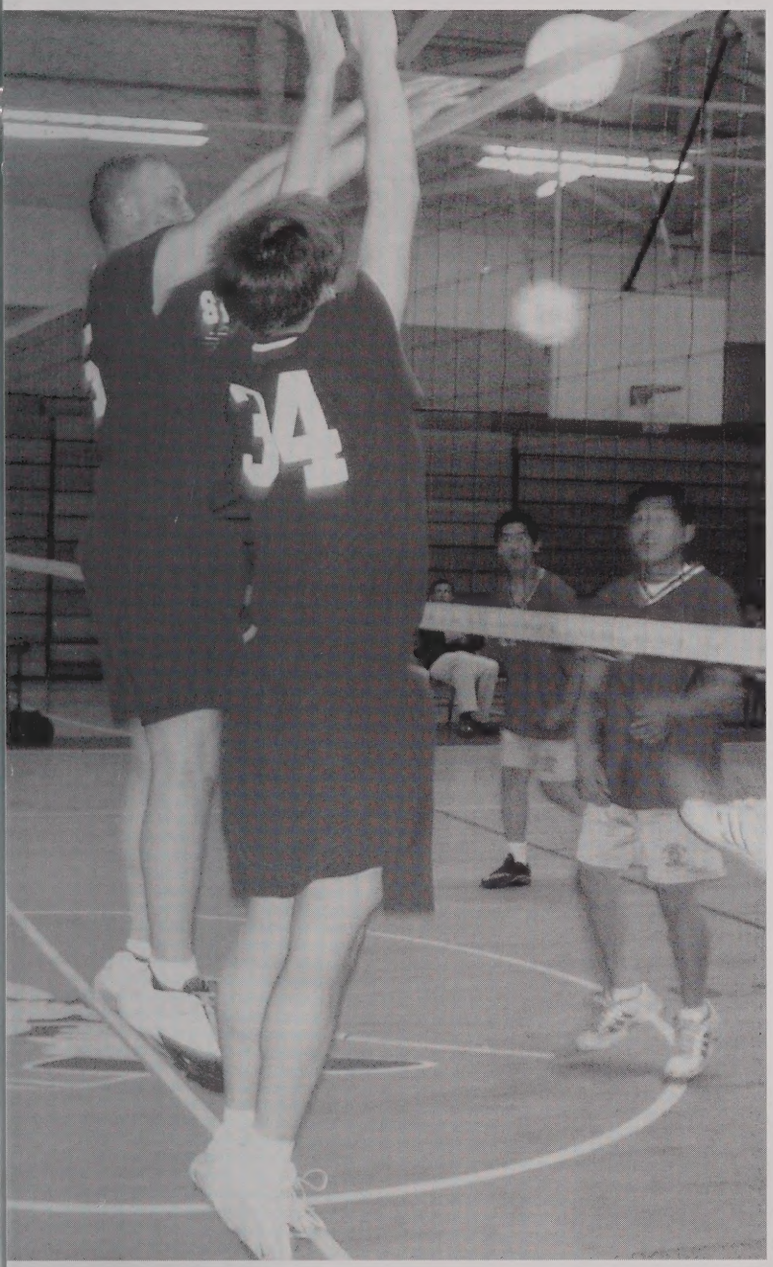
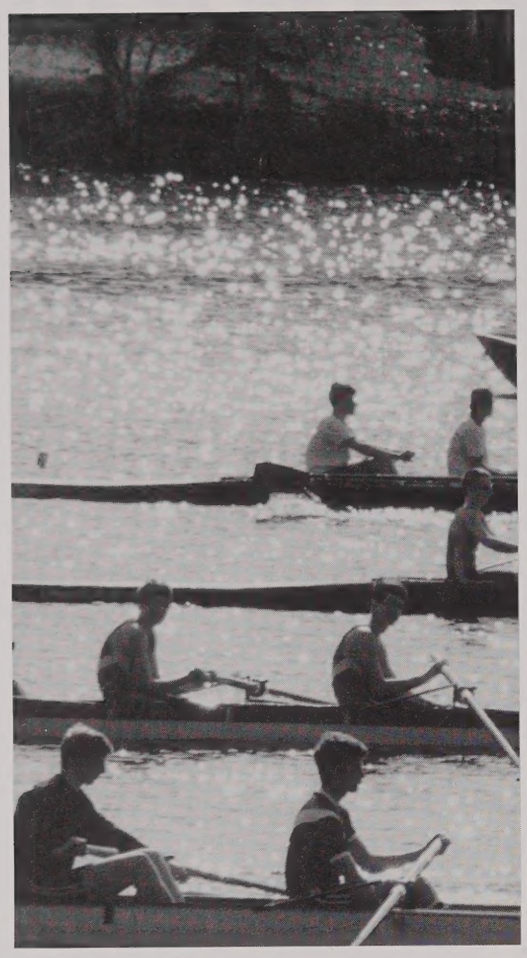


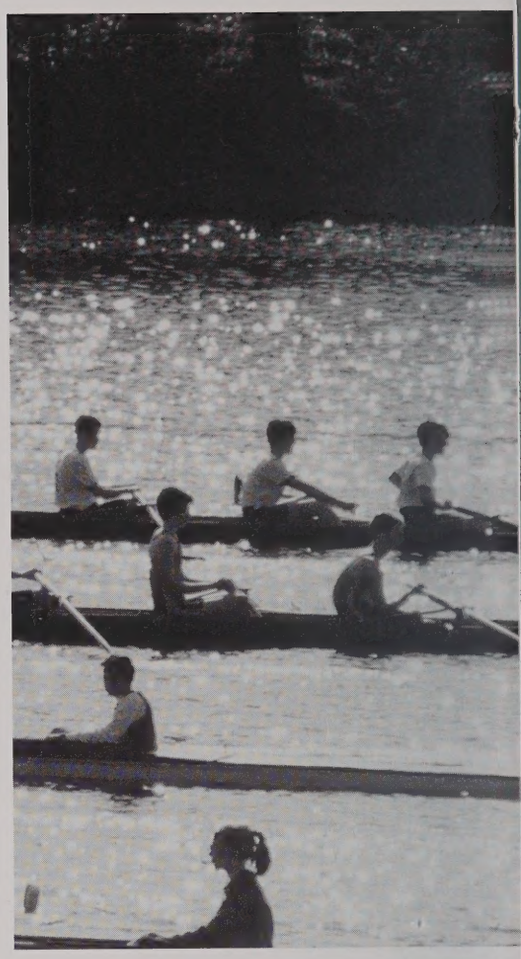
2003 VOLLEYBALL VARSITY TEAM

John Archibald
James Daigneault
Brian Darcy
Matt Darcy
Matthew Duggan
Charlie Dunn
Andrew Halloran
Andrew Johnson
Matthew Johnson
Rohan Mehta
John Melander
Casey Spencer
Mike Trainor

The 2003 Saint John's Varsity Volleyball Team began the season with high expectations. After an outstanding 15-5 2002 season, they knew that they would miss the very talented seniors from the previous year, but they still had some experience and height and the excellent coaching of Al Morel. They finished their 4th season in existence with an 11-11 record. They did reach the playoffs again and were seeded 9th. In the first-round, they defeated 8th-seeded Wachusett 3-1.The volleyball team finished its season in the quarterfinals after losing to undefeated 1st-seeded Lincoln-Sudbury. All season long, the team was well-noted for its great attitude towards the game, whether they won or lost. As a result, St. John's won the MIAA Annual Sportsmanship Award for Volleyball.

by Joe Shortsleeve



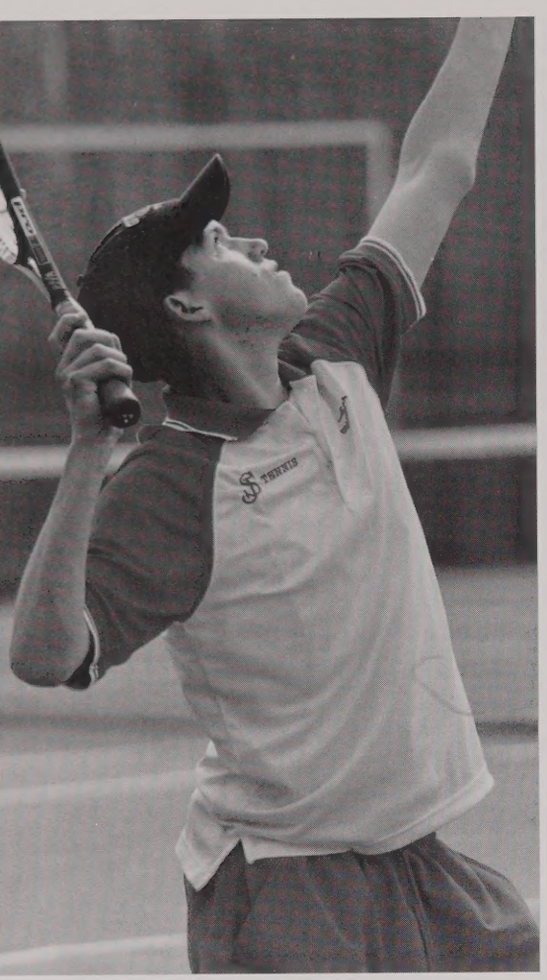


CREW

At the opening of the spring sports season, it was unclear if the Crew Team would ever get on the water at all. After the extremely cold winter, there were reports of ice up to 18 inches thick. Confined to the land, the rowers suffered through weeks of ergs, parking lot laps and calisthenics. Less than a week after their first row, the Pioneers took on Simsbury and Tabor in the Simsbury Invite. Feeding off their winning ways from the fall season, St. John's easily put away Simsbury and was able to mount a furious charge to sprint through Tabor. St. John's hosted the Exeter Invitational the following weekend, and although they raced extremely hard the varsity boat came up a couple of seconds short to both Exeter and Andover.

Coach Ermilio then challenged his first boat comprised of Peter Ryan, John Kullak, Julian Turcotte, Sam Kenary, Dave Wheeler, Joe Fryer, Andy Hashway, Joe Donahue and coxswain Joe Nozzolillo to win out the rest of the regular season. The entire team responded as well and they swept the Quinsigamond Cup for the second year in a row; a week later, the varsity boat won a huge race at St. Paul's. Arguably the lightest boat in past 15 years, this year's crew raced aggressively and was able to beat a number of physically bigger boats. Their intensity was best displayed when they edged out Kent by less than a foot after 1500 meters of back and forth racing. All three varsity boats took 4th place at the New England Championships held on Lake Quinsigamond to cap off an outstanding Pioneer rowing season.

By:
Peter Ryan

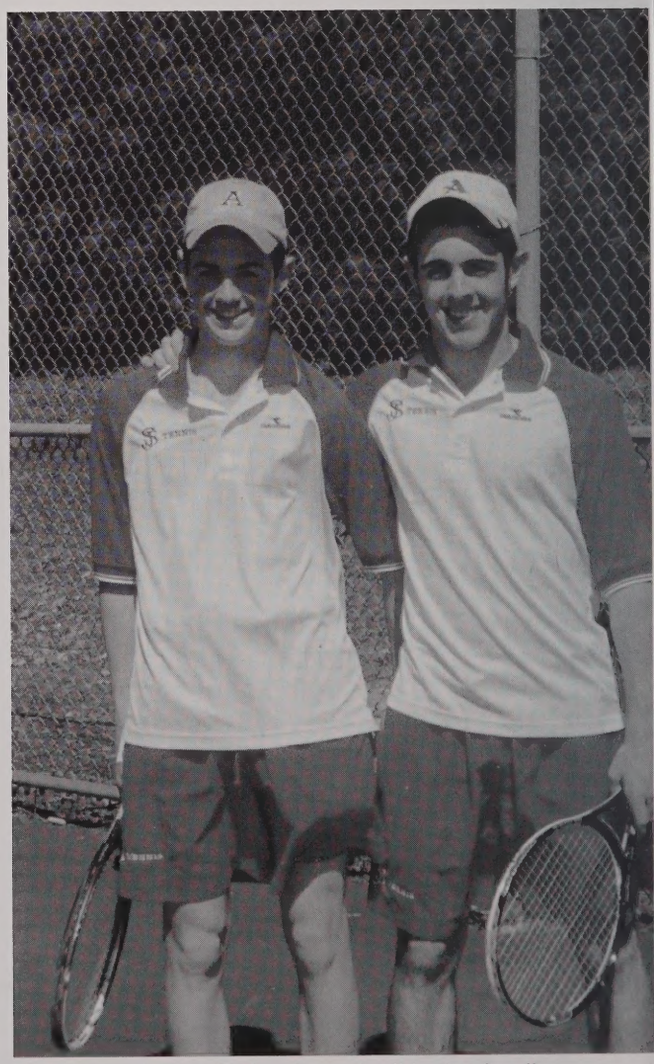


Rob O'Rourke lines up his serve.

STATE CHAMPS!

District Champs!

Varsity Tennis: Ted Swiderski, Darren Helstowaski, Dan Pilon, Greg Avola, Tom Dolan, Nick Barouty, Khoury McCoy, Taylor Clark, Tom Vohaska, Vishal Shah, John Keenan, Rob O'Rourke, Ben Casey, Mike Dolan, John Dubois, Dan Sacaciu, Coaches Mr. Hippert and



Mike and Tom Dolan keep it all in the family.

TENNIS

Greg Avola and Tom Dolan relax after winning the State Title.

John Keenan shows his powerful backhand.

Many would have thought the Saint John's Tennis Team missed its best opportunity to take home the State Championship crown in '02 after a heart breaking 3-2 loss to Newton North. The 2003 squad faced the daunting task of filling the vacancies left by Josh Rilla, Scott Peters, Craig Helstowski and Sebastian Paquette.

However, behind the leadership of captains Greg Avola and Tom Dolan , the perennially powerful Pioneers set out to prove the doubters wrong. Early season victories demonstrated that Saint John's was indeed a force to be reckoned with. A difficult mid-season saw losses, but inspired by the dedication of their coaches, Mr. Hippert and Mr. Low, the Pioneers would regroup, and avenge these losses in definitive fashion. The superb play of singles players Dolan, Avola and Mike Dolan('05) provided the foundation for much of St. John's success. After some early season shuffling, the doubles teams of Rob O'Rourke and Darren Helstowski and John Keenan and Ben Casey solidified themselves in the line-up.

The Pioneers emerged as champions in both singles and doubles at the mid-season Central Mass. Individual Tournament. Tom Dolan defeated teammate Avola in the singles final to claim the crown. The O'Rourke-Helstowski tandem triumphed over Westboro in the doubles final. Dolan and O'Rourke-Helstowski advanced to the State Individual semi-finals at Longwood Cricket Club, where they represented St. John's well.

In a rematch of last year's state semi-final, Saint John's pulled out a terrific 3-2 win over Western Mass. powerhouse Longmeadow.

On a cool, cloudy June evening, the threat of inclement weather looming, the Pioneers took to the courts at Clark in pursuit of the trophy that had eluded them the previous three years. Their opponent: the previously unbeaten squad from Lexington. Drizzle began, but not even Mother Nature could hold the Pioneers back. Mike Dolan provided the Pioneers' first point at third singles in a gritty straight-set win. Tom Dolan edged the team closer when his foe was defaulted for unsportsmanlike conduct at match point. Lexington evened the score with hard-fought victories in doubles. Pressure fell squarely only the back of Greg Avola. He and Luther, of Lexington, split sets before Avola prevailed 6-4 in the third. Red and white stormed the court as rain began to fall and the team's satisfied seniors finally lifted the State Championship trophy proudly above their heads.

By Rob O'Rourke

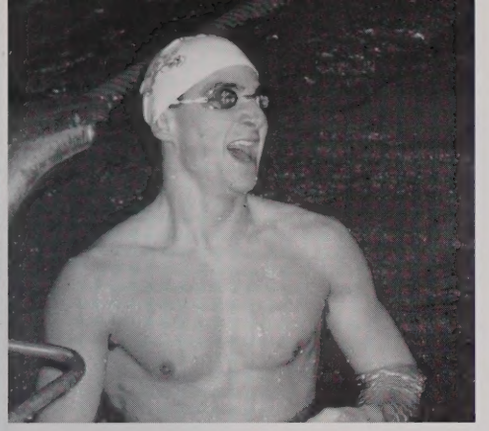
Pioneer Awards

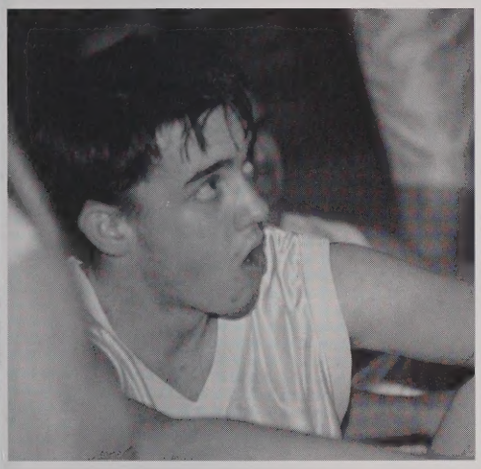
As many coaches outwardly admit, choosing just one athlete to win their Pioneer Award is a very difficult task. On Thursday evening,, May 15, with kudos to Athletic Director Bob Foley, the Pioneer Awards were bestowed on some talented athletes with leadership qualities. Winners in each sport were named and honored. Award winners included:

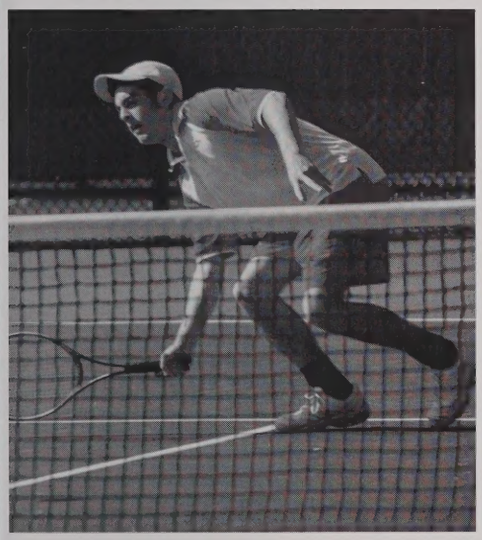
Soccer..... Michael Brunell
Football.....Peter Wood
Cross Country.....Brett Leonard
Golf.....Garrett Wentzell
Basketball .....Brian Darcy
Hockey.....Matt Vokes
Wrestling .....Brian Cammuso
Swim.....Peter Anderson
Indoor Track.....Matthew Labreche
Ski.....Brett Hultgren
Crew .....Joe Donahue
Spring Track.....Nathaniel Enos
Tennis.....Tom Dolan
Baseball .....Lance Zawadzki
Lacrosse .....Dan Lauring
Volleyball.....Jim Daigneault

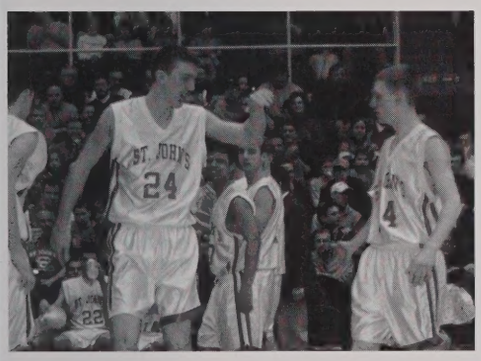
Special awards included:

Peter Bibaud Award.....Ryan Cain
Ted Provo Award.....Matt Perron
District E AD's Award.....Brian Abraham
McNulty Award.....Michael Salerno
Contributions to SJ Athletics.....Brian Thomas





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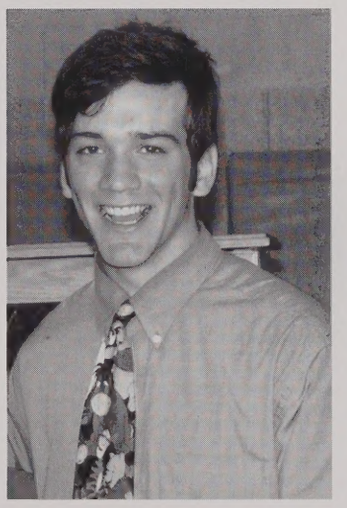

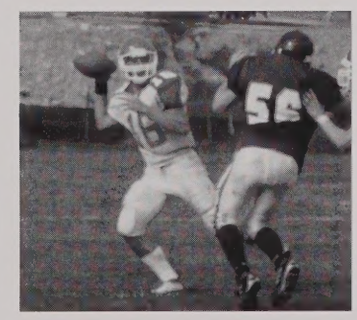

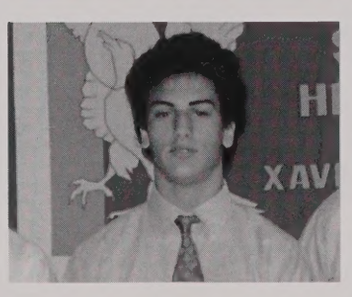

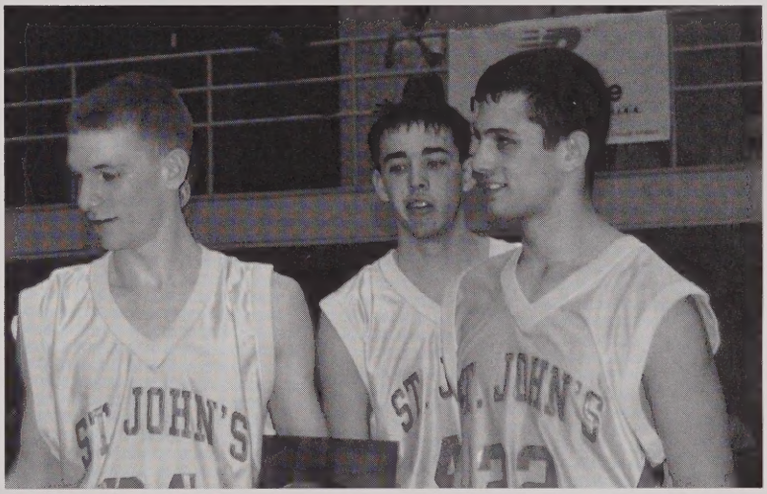
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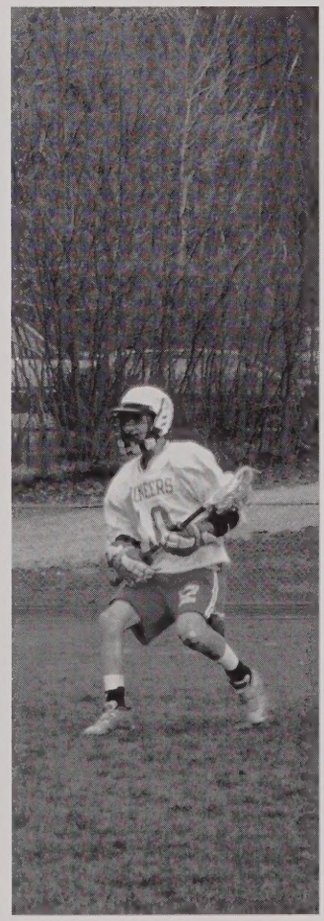

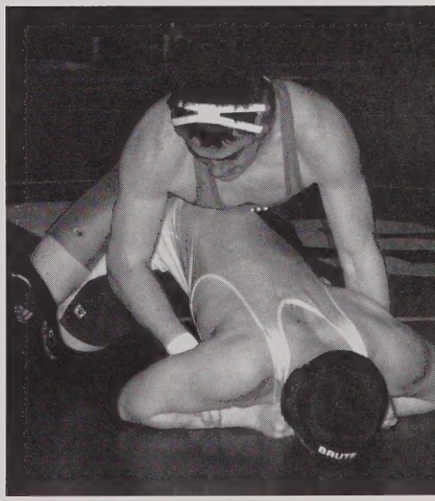

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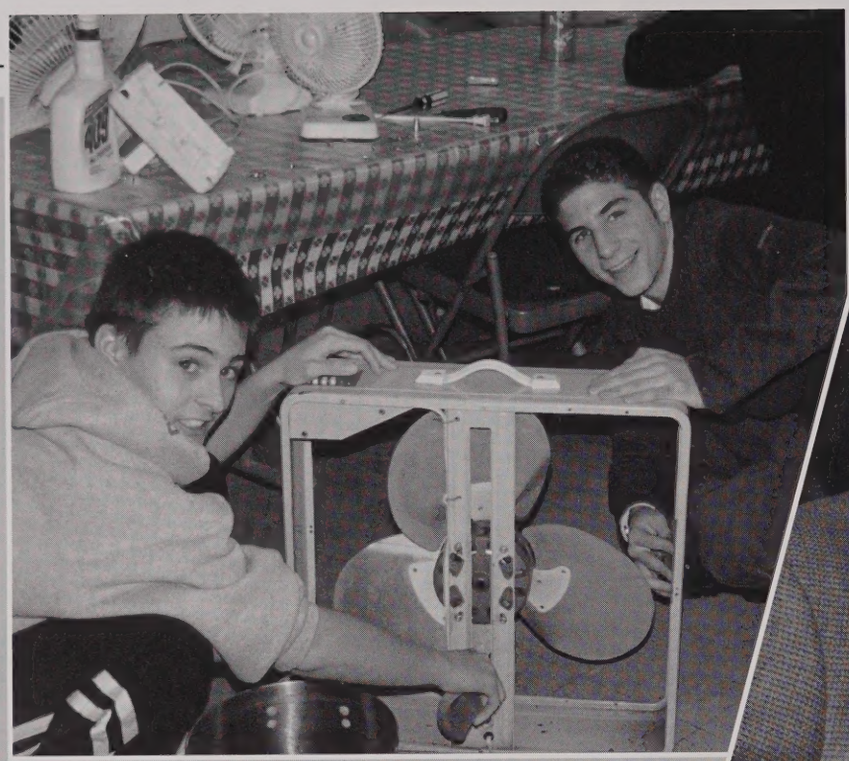
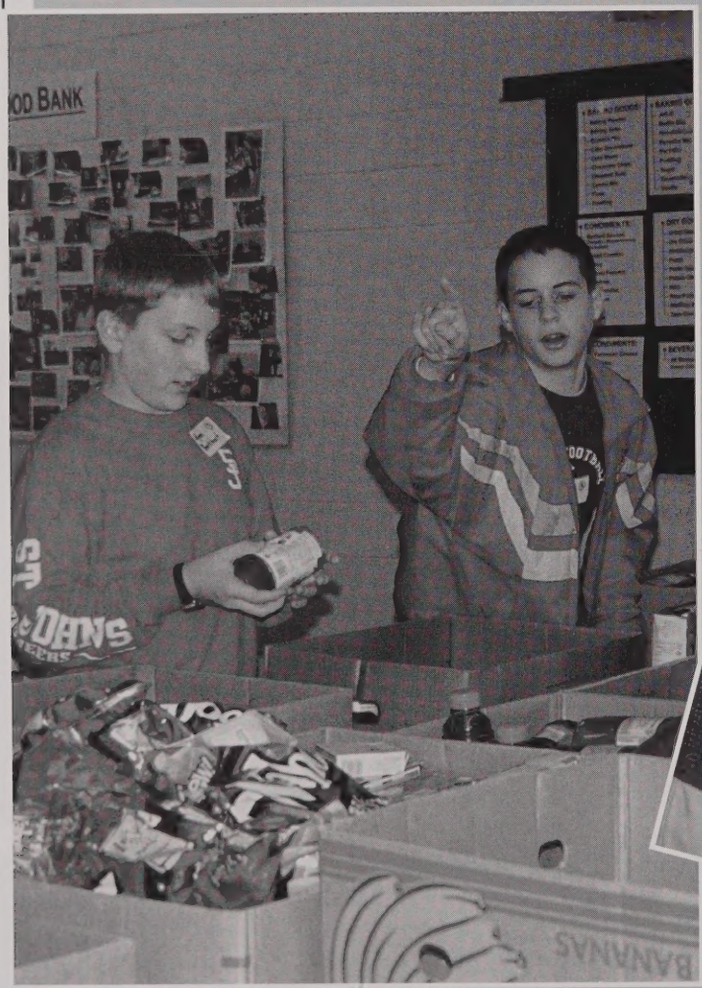
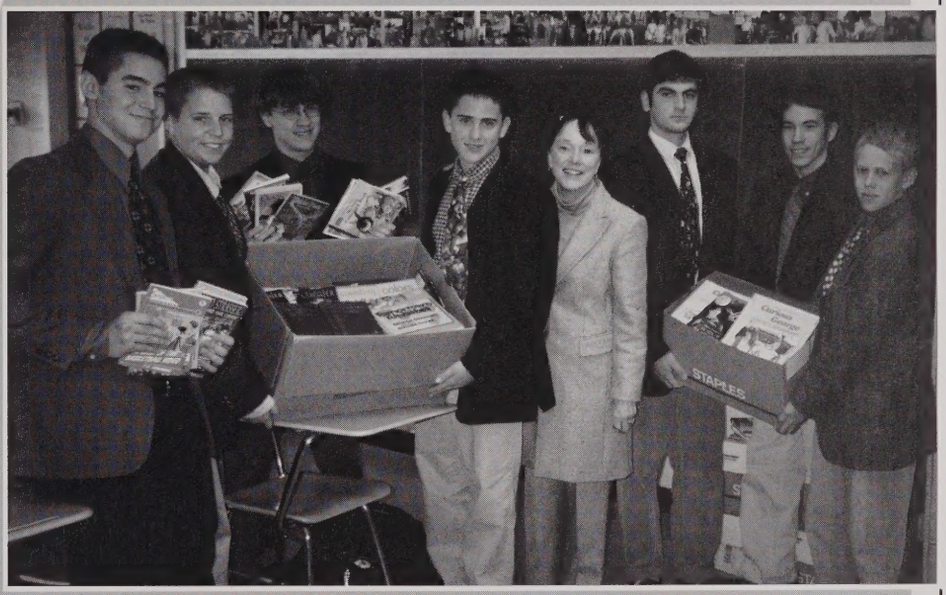


Crazy John and Chris Aversa lend a hand.



...and the green beans go over there.

Service



Mrs. Curran's crew, always ready, willing and able to lend a hand.

Jay Ferguson (above)

Nick Durgarian (below).

Campus Ministry

The Campus Ministry Center at St. John's coordinates, with students and faculty, holy day and special occasion litergies, and school-wide Morning Prayer. Students serve in various ministries at these services: alter servers, lectors, gift bearers, choir, hospitality and set up. Campus Ministry organizes class retreats both on and off campus. Campus Ministry also organizes opportunities for students to volunteer for service programs throughout Worcester County and beyond. This year's Campus Ministry Center was aptly manned by Mr. Mark Low and Mrs. Jeanne Depasse.
Mr. Richard Monroe is in charge of the beautiful Litergical music. Fr. Ed Niccolls is our School Chaplain.

Books for everyone!

John O'Neil speaks at Mass.

Totally unsefish students and faculty are blessed before their Global Encounter over Spring vacation.

Will Atamian enjoys some good company on his Freshman Retreat.

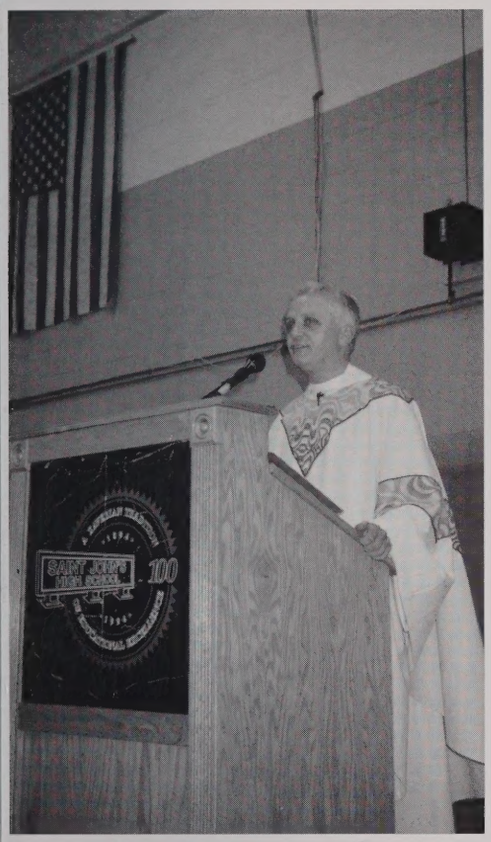
Our famous "Cookies and Christmas Carols"!

MASS

A tradition at St. John's, since its early days on Temple Street in Worcester, is Mass where the whole school joins together to worship. A sense of community is never more apparent than at a Mass in our gym. Mass is a time of meditation and celebration in the wonder of the Holy Spirit. The music is always inspirational.

This religious year began with a Mass where the students and faculty alike were welcomed back from a long and much enjoyed vacation. Fr. Ed Niccolls led the Mass with students reading and distributing communion. The Choir, as always, filled the service with song that brought the school community together in peace.

We joined as a community for Mass and prayer services several times over the course of this year, each time both meaningful and inspirational to all.

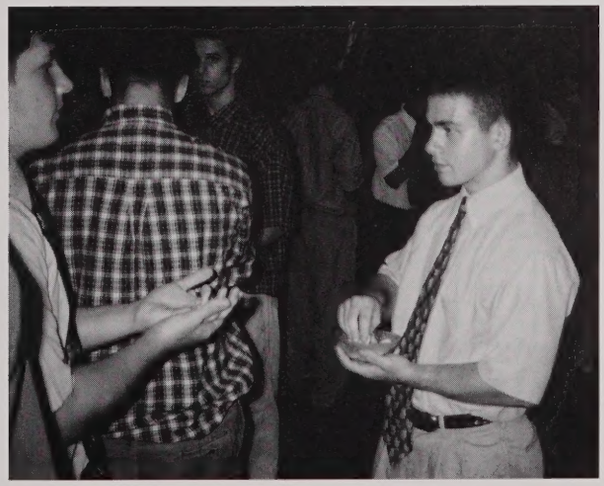


Fr. Ed Niccolls welcomes the S.J. community.

Mr. Linde does a Reading at Mass.

Bishop Reilly celebrates Mass during Ryken Week
(always a favorite Mass when he announces a Bishop's Day off!)

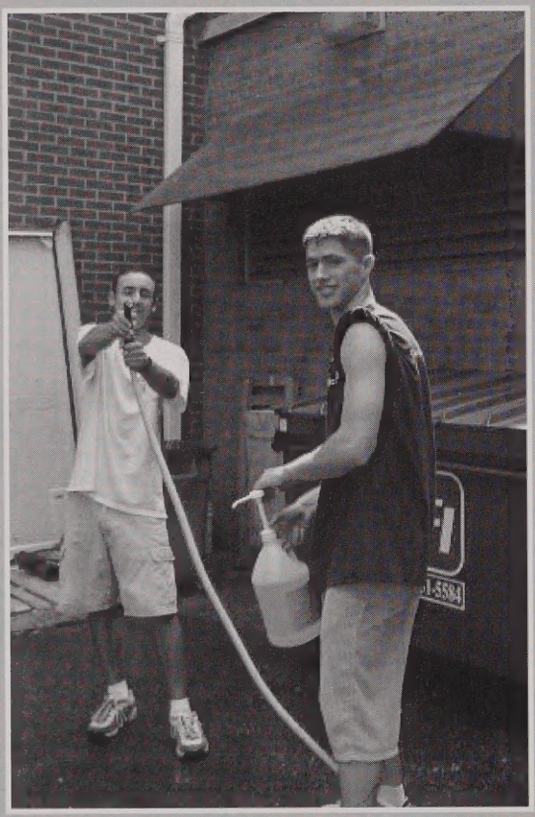
Mr. and Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Iuso bring up the gifts.



Eucharistic Minister Tim O'Mara.

Brian Abraham gets a little help from Pat Harrington and Mike Brunell

Anyone for a water fight?



Dan Prior and Jason Curtis

C.L.I.

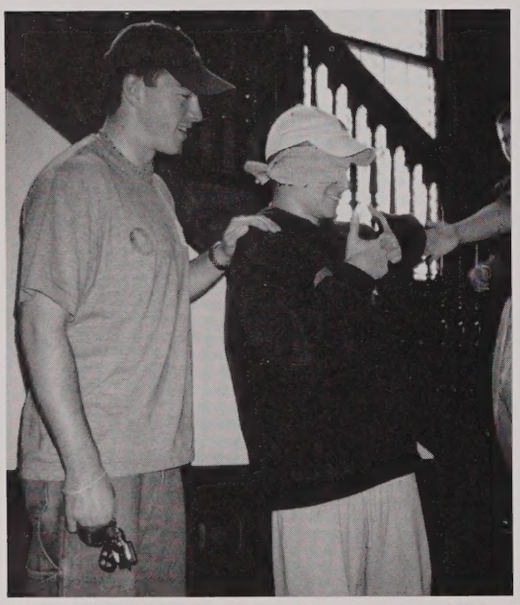
The Christian Leadership Institute, or CLI, was a four day, overnight spiritual retreat designed for incoming seniors. Eighty seniors and a handful of faculty took a week out their summer break in August to prepare for the responsibilities associated with being a leader and a senior. It was a week where new friendships were forged and where the students were able to learn something about themselves and others. There were many fun activities planned and a day of service, in which everyone went to different places in Worcester to give a helping hand. It was a good way to relax and to make the transition from summer to school a little easier. It was concluded with powerful prayer that brought the class together.

By: Bill Fink

Julian Turcotte: "The blind leading the blind."

Mrs. Depasse and Mr. Monroe contribute their time and talents

A little chocolate milk and we're good to go.


Sometimes you just need to trust your friends.

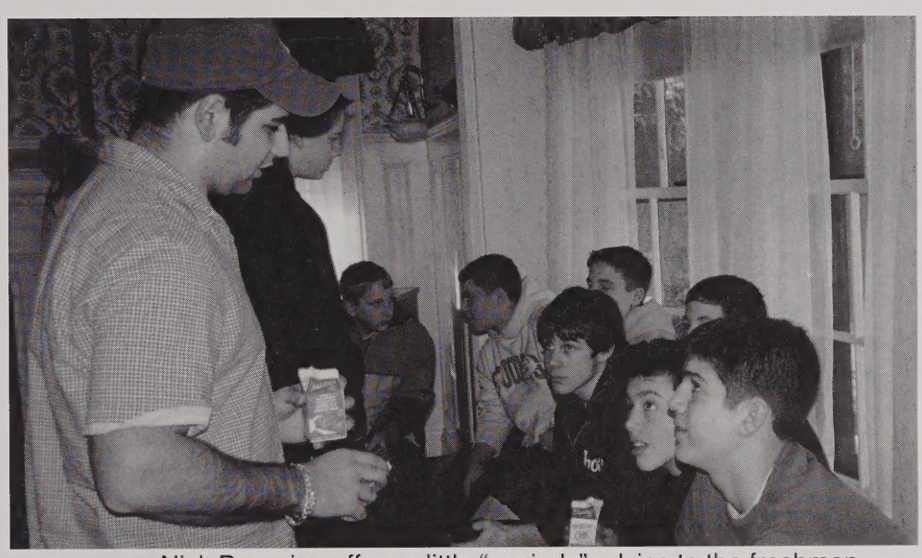
Joe Lazazzero first in line for lunch!

The Freshmen listening with great interest.

Retreats often include good food and good company.

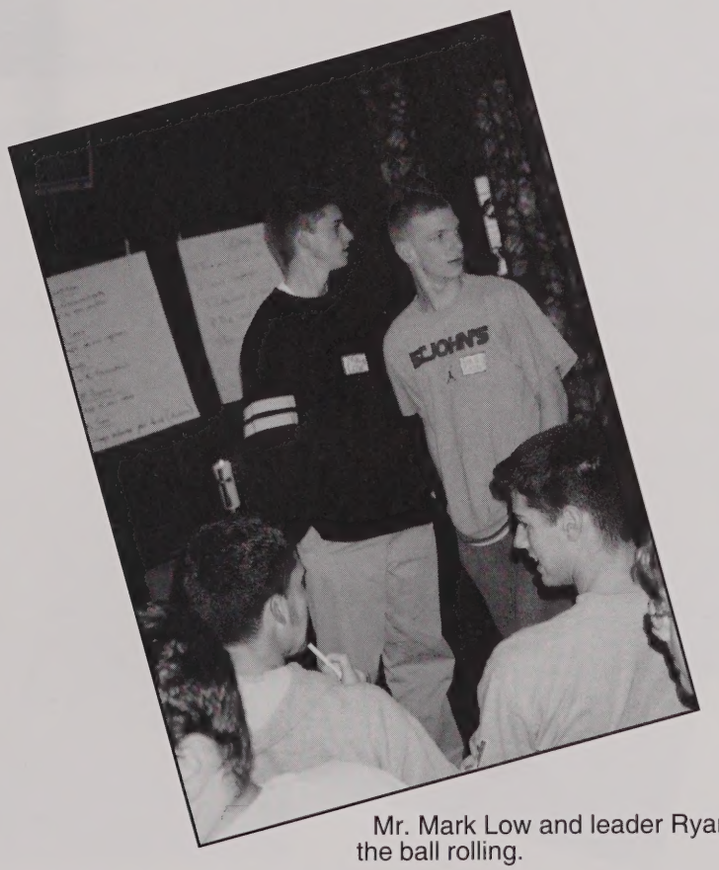
Retreats

Every student at St. John's attends at least one retreat each year. This year the Freshmen broke the ice by spending their morning at the Manor House in small groups, getting to know some Seniors and themselves a little better. They spent their afternoon serving the community in various settings. Sophomores discussed potential problems that can plague adolescents and strategies to make good choices. Juniors and Seniors spent time reflecting at Oakhurst Retreat Center. The Campus Ministry Team spent countless hours insuring the success of these experiences.



Nick Dugarian offers a little "seniorly" advice to the freshmen.

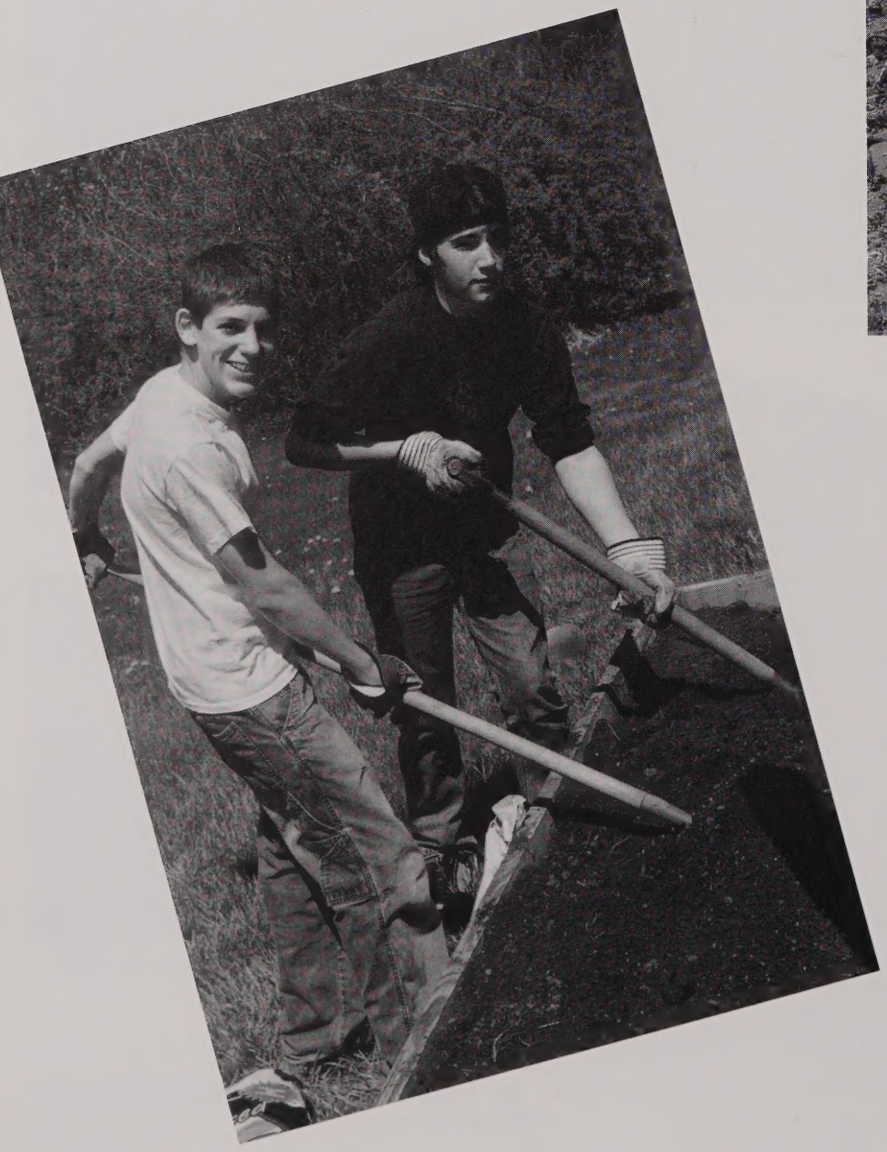
Even moms can have fun on retreats. Mike Cassita and Tony Goretti get a helping hand from Mrs. Sullivan. Thanks!



Mr. Mark Low and leader Ryan Cain get the ball rolling.

S.J. Service Day

On May 10, 2003 the 2nd Annual St. John's Service Day went into full swing. It was a perfectly warm and sunny spring day. It was orchestrated by the multi talented Mr. Timothy Williams of the S.J. Math Department. This is a day where students, faculty, staff, and parents all band together to take time away from their own personal persuits to serve the community in dozens of different places doing a wide variety of work ranging from yard work to child care to building to cleaning. Part of the mission statement of St. John's High School includes service to the larger community beyond the walls of our school. The goal for Service Day was to accomplish this part of our mission statement. An added bonus was having parents, students, faculty and staff working shoulder to shoulder for a common good. It was well accomplished with hundreds of people serving the Worcester community and beyond.



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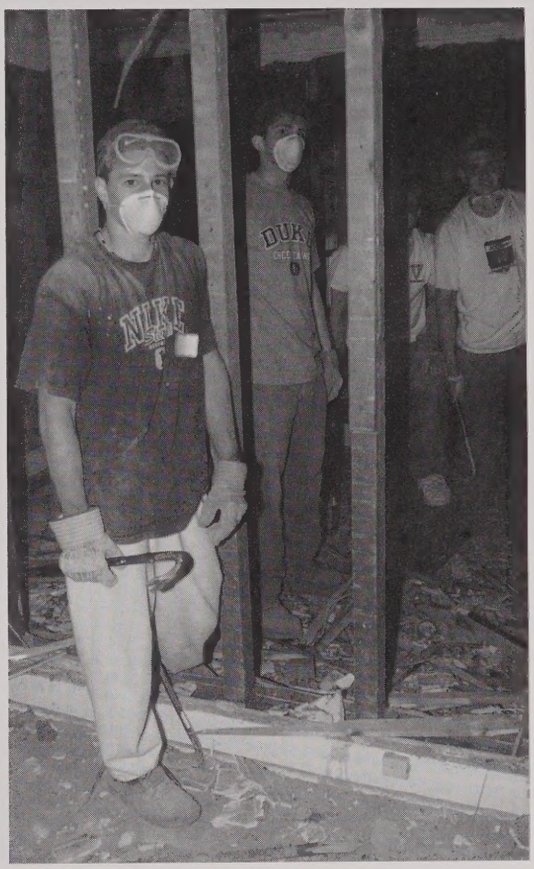
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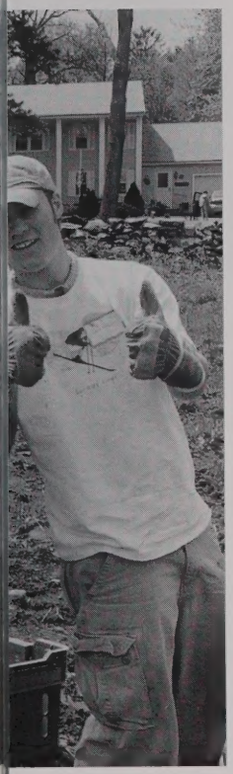

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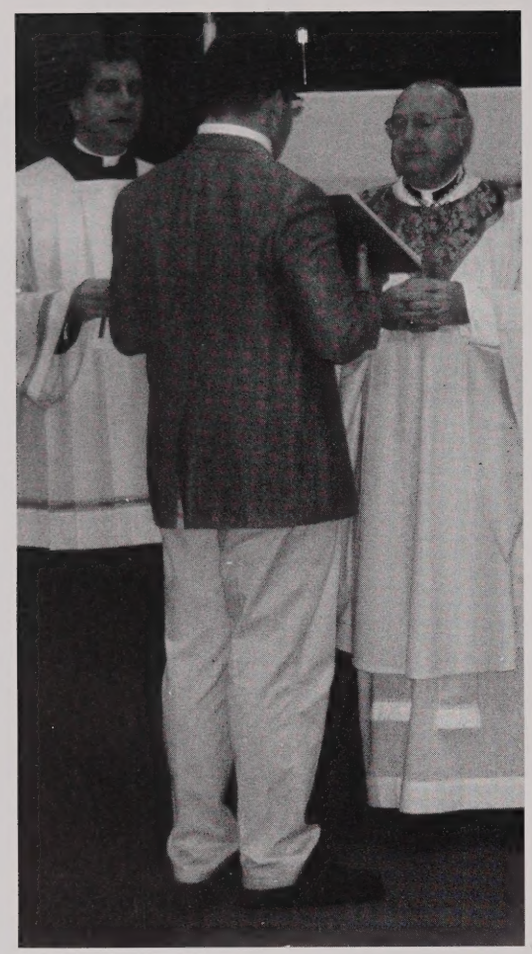
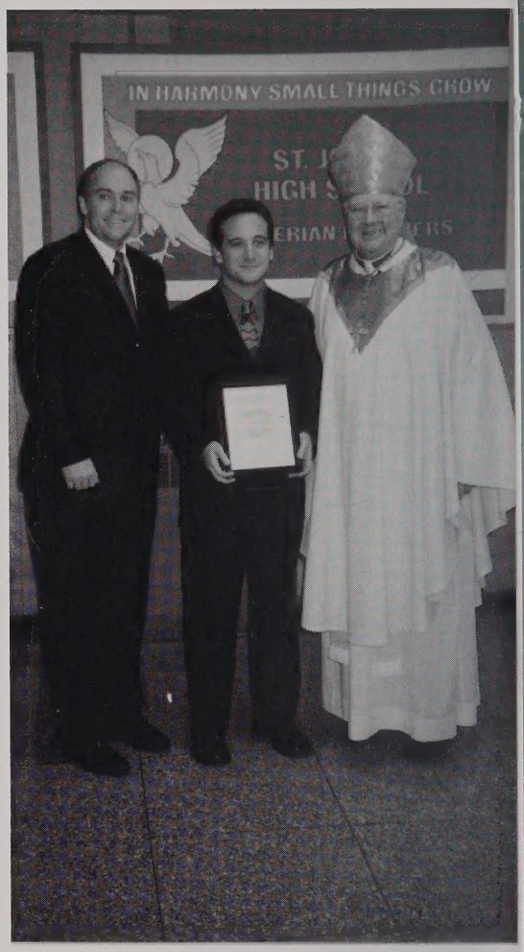
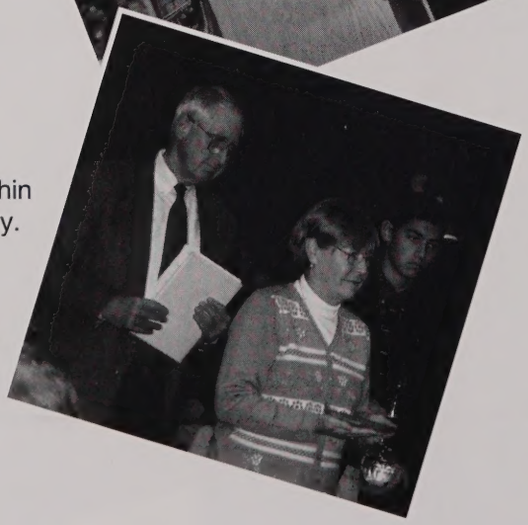




Mr.Ben Lizotte recieves the Ryken Award.

Mr. Patrick White speaks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane and Adam Chin present the gifts to Bishop Rielly.



Br. Klar and Jason Curtis bring up Xaverian symbols at the Ryken Mass.

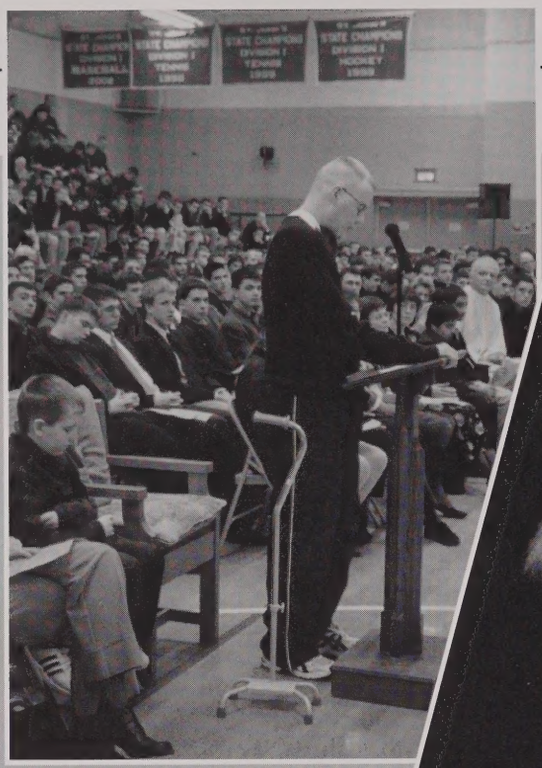
Ryken Week

This year's Ryken Awareness Week reminded us of the deep roots that anchor St. John's. Each morning we were inspired by a prayer from "The Fundamental Teachings of the Xaverian Brothers." In religious studies, students learned the history of the Xaverian Brothers. The main foyer in Conal Hall displayed pictures and histories of all the Xavarian Brothers Sponsored Schools from different parts of the country and Belgium for students and visitors to admire. St. John's does not stand alone.

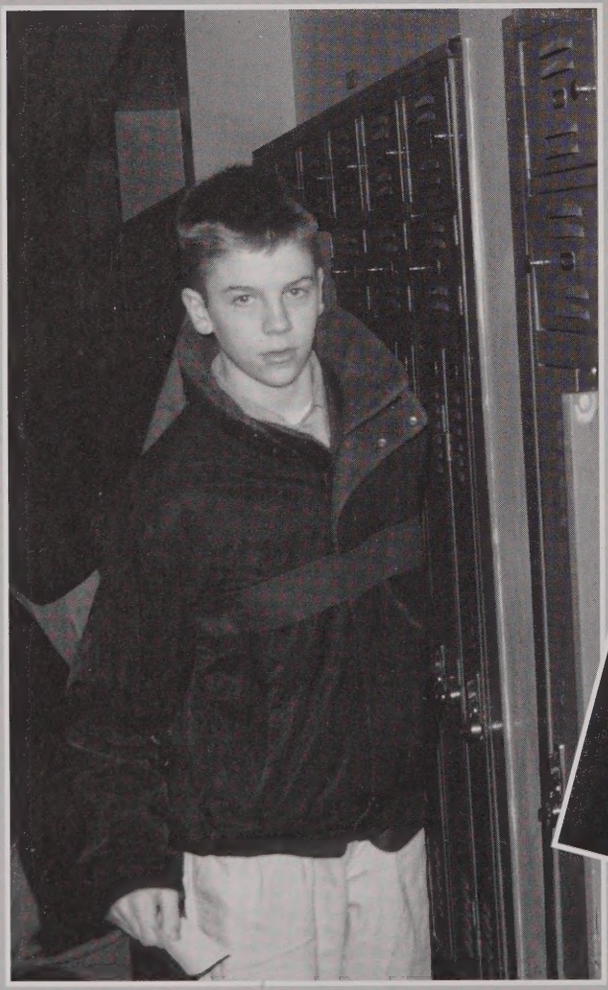
We had a Founder's Day Liturgy to end our week of remembrance and celebration on December 3, 2002. At the Liturgy we not only came together as a community, but also there was a presentation of the Ryken Award. This is a most prestigious award granted to a faculty or staff member of the St. John's High School community. It recognizes and honors the individual who, by their commitment, strives to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This person participates in the school's community of faith and to nurture members of the community and is committed to academic excellence. This person recognizes the importance of educating the whole person and fulfills the Gospel call to peace and justice. The award was bestowed following Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel P. Reilly and con-celebrants made up of St. John's alumni. Mr. Michael W. Welch presented Mr. Benjamin G. Lizotte with the Ryken Award. Mr. Lizotte has given back to St. John's as a student, alumnus and as a gifted teacher. He is respected both by fellow teachers and his students who know his commitment first hand. Following his acceptance, Mr. Lizotte and a group of students went to Dismas House to continue working with those in need. By Jon Saviet

The XBSS stewards being blessesd.

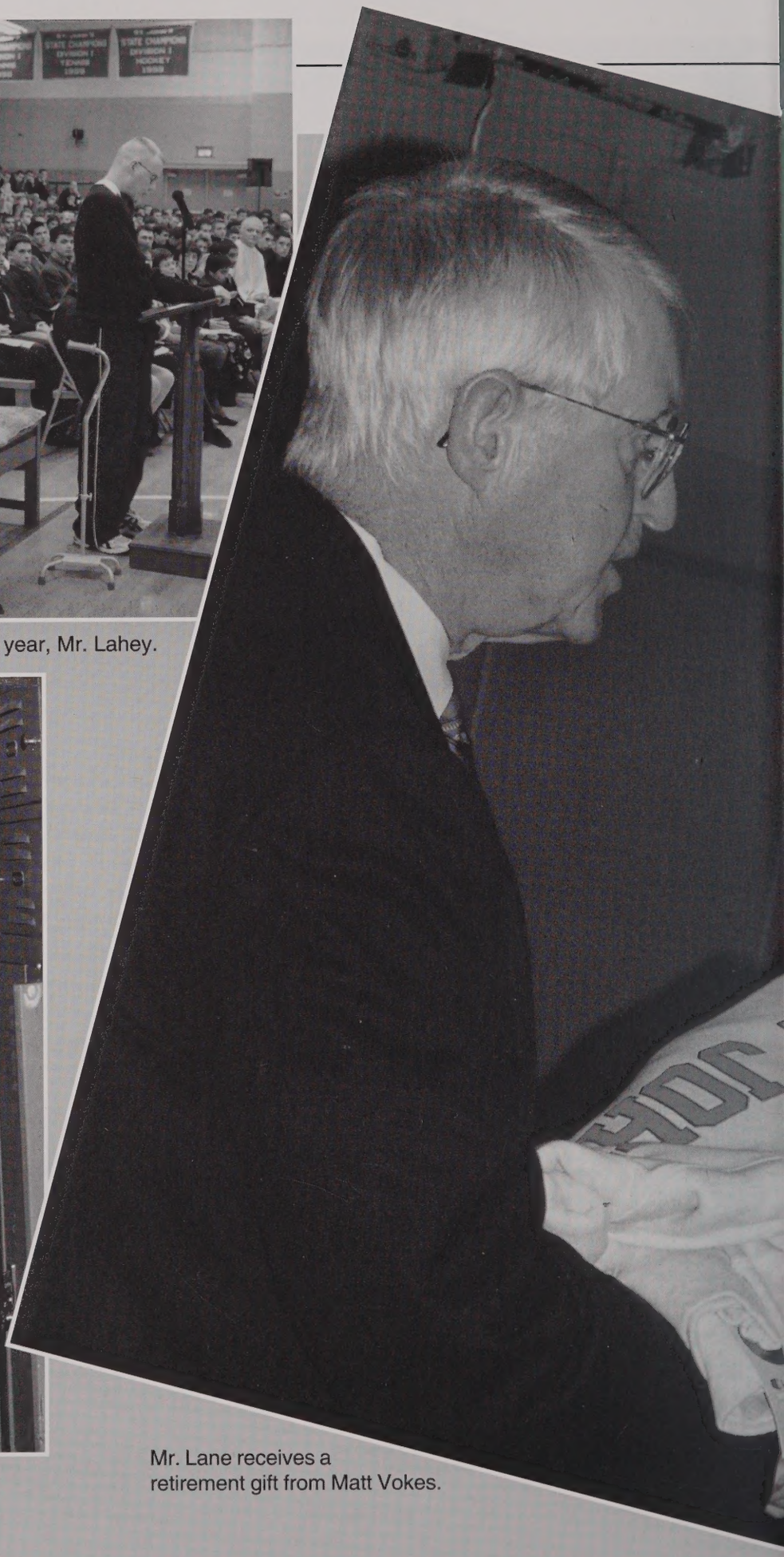
Good morning Frank!



We've missed you this year, Mr. Lahey.

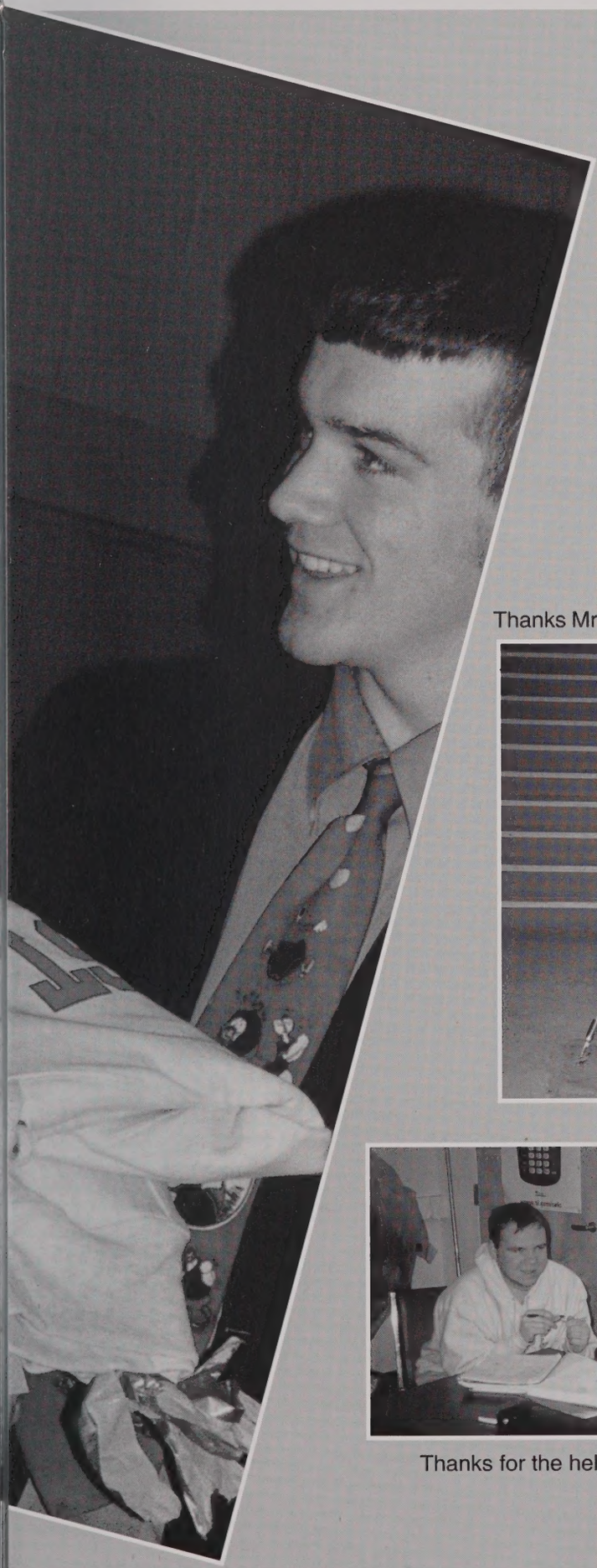


Matt Galvin gets ready for a busy day.



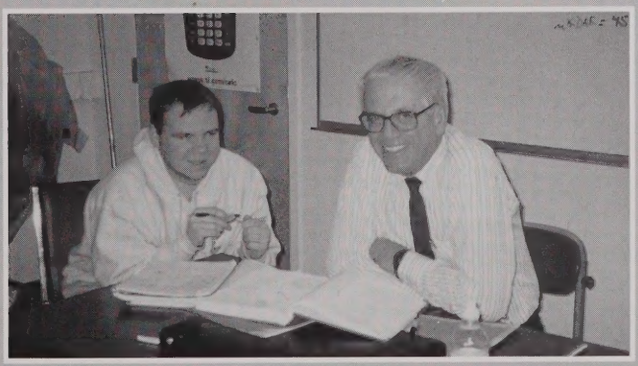
Mr. Lane receives a retirement gift from Matt Vokes.

People



Thanks Mr. Tomaiolo.

Schedule problems? No problem...Mr. White.



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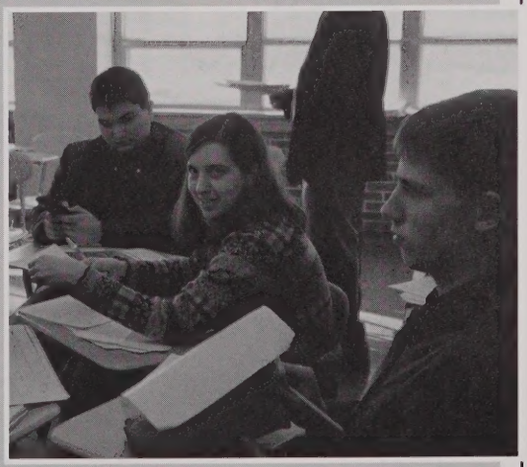
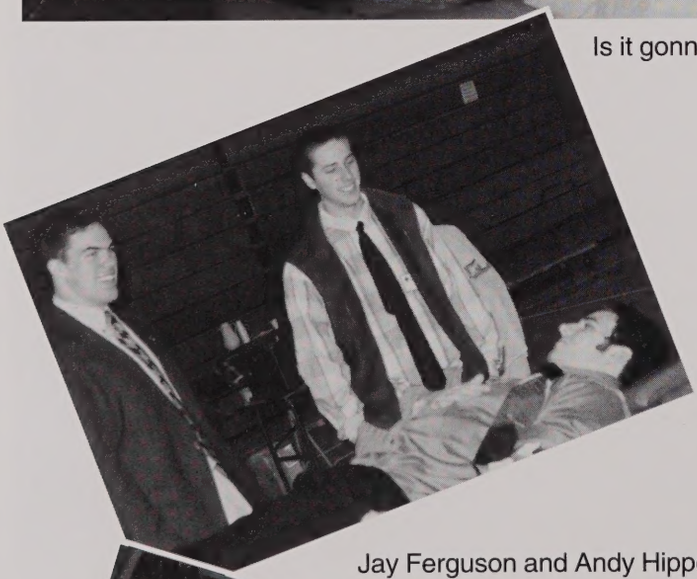
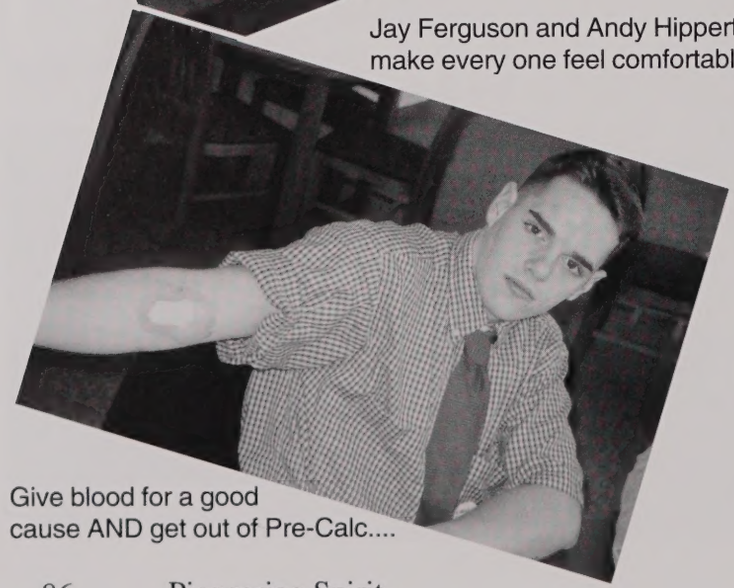


BLOOD DRIVE

Is it gonna hurt?... Is It gonna hurt?... Is it gonna hurt?...



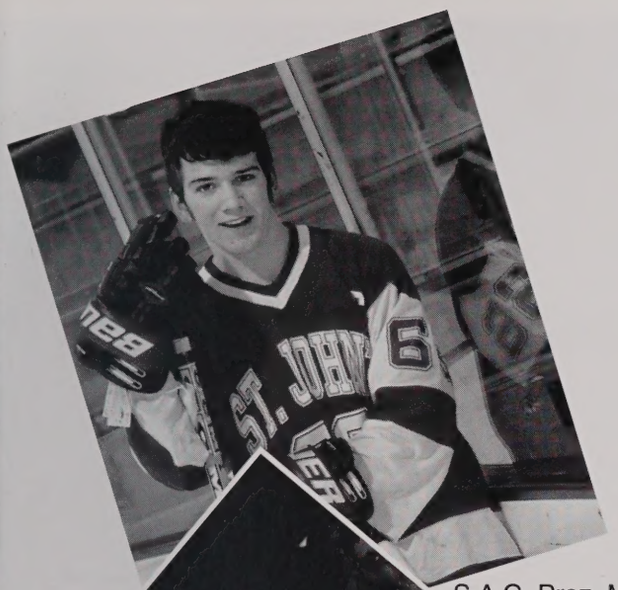
Jay Ferguson and Andy Hippert make every one feel comfortable.



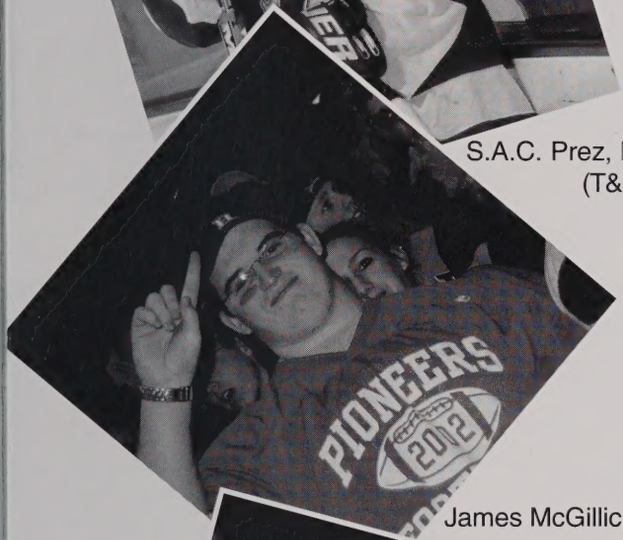
Give blood for a good cause AND get out of Pre-Calc....

Giving blood means getting great snacks!

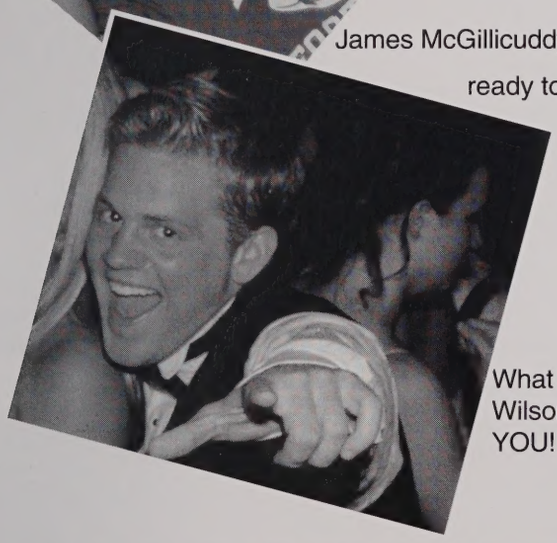
S.A.C.



S.A.C. Prez, Matty Vokes (T&G)



James McGillicuddy, ready to serve you.



What can John Wilson do for YOU!

The Student Activities Council is all about helping others, inside and out side of the St. John's community. Many of the events run by SAC benifit the student body, people in our immediate community and people in the global community.

The goal of SAC is to help those in need, whether that be sponsoring dances to get students and friends together in a relaxed atmosphere away from the rigors of academics, or running a Thanksgiving Food Drive, or organizing a Christmas Clothing Drive, or Blood Drives. SAC also sponsors dress down days in order to either raise money for good causes, such as relief for those effected by the Iraqi War, or simply to raise the Pioneer Spirit to help spur on our teams. It is considered essential that students have a Student Activity Council made up of caring, responsible students who are available to help those in need and willing and able to enhance the extra curricular activities at St. John's.

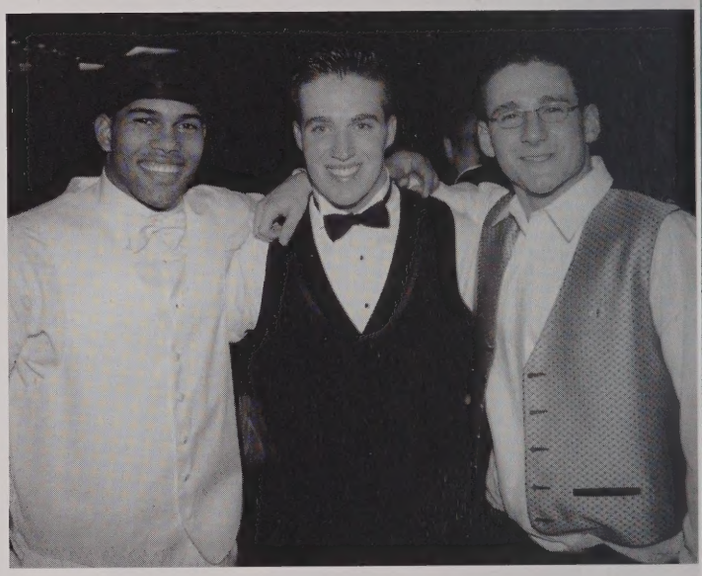
S.A.C., 2003

Mr. Chris Benestad. Andy Hippert, Pete Wood, Jay Ferguson, James McGillicuddy, Mr. John Deedy, Matt Vokes, John Wilson. Missing: Ryan Champlin.

Dance...

Rich Duhamel, Chris Renzi, Charlie Keene, Andrew Eichman and Simon Hutchinson take a break from dancing with their lovely dates

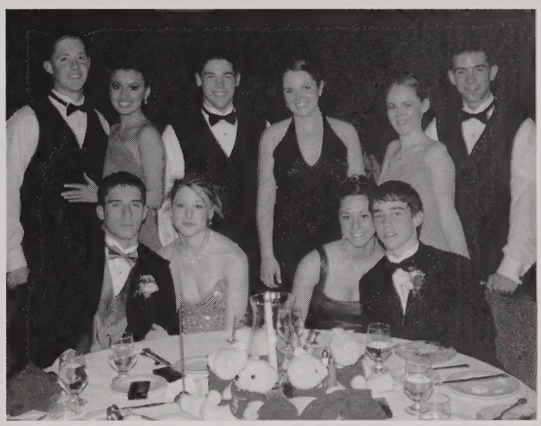
Smith, McGillicuddy, and Anderson looking smooth at the Senior Prom. (below)

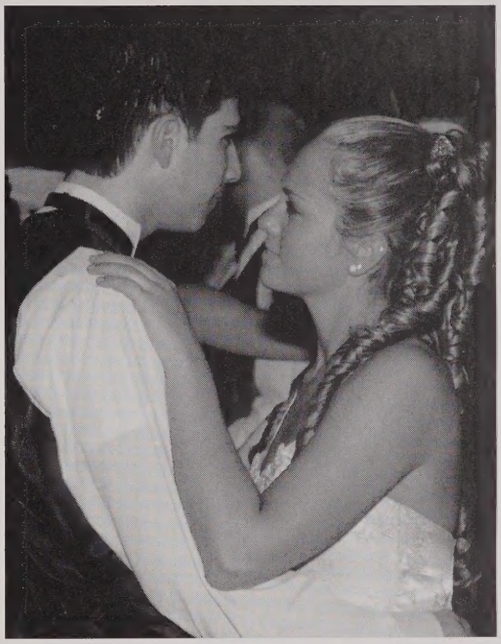


Sean McClusky and Joe Donohue. (below)

Let's show them how it's done at the Senior Prom!

We're ready, let's eat!





Adam Curley and his lovely date at the Prom.

Can't beat the Freshman/Sophmore Semi-Formal!

Curtis Gray, Paul Bergeron, Anton Smith and Matt Simokonis show off their style at the Senior Prom.

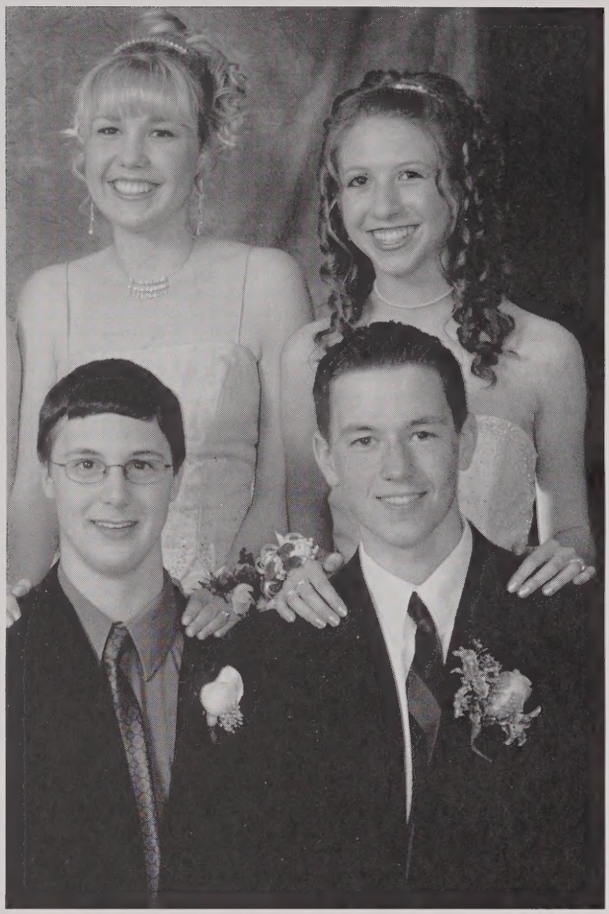
Freshman Sophomore Semi-Formal

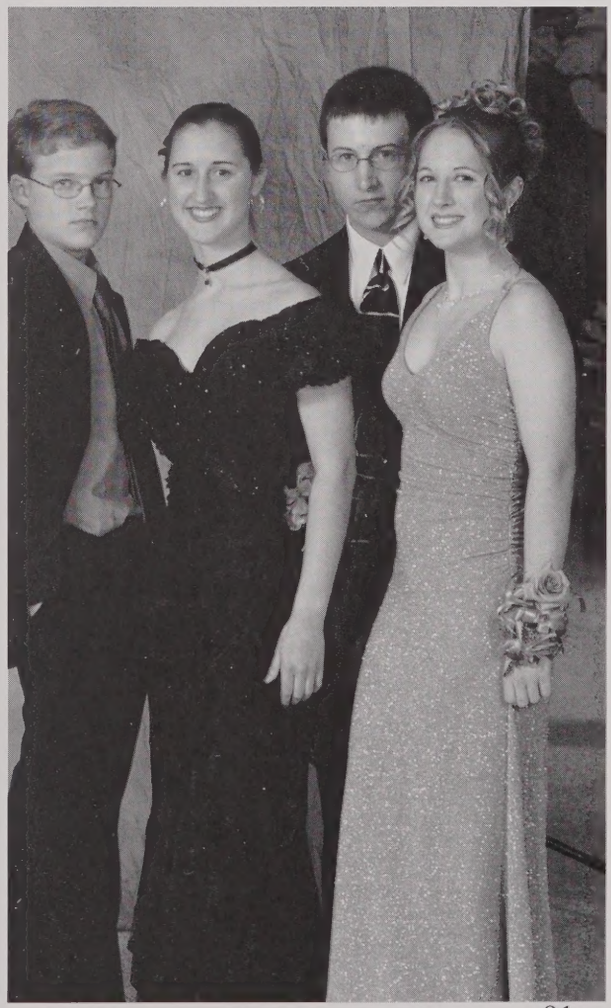
The Freshman and Sophmore Class Officers take a break from their "set-up duties."

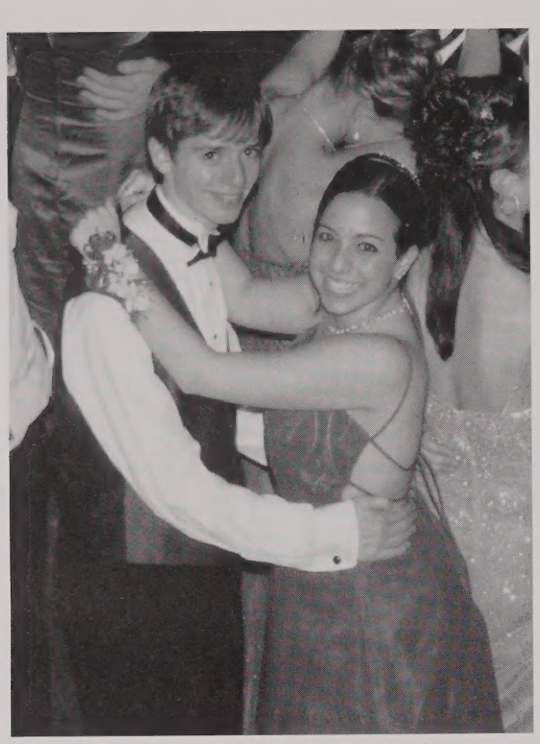
The Saint John's High School Freshman/ Sophomore Semi-Formal, was a night filled with fun, laughter and great people. This year's theme was Mardi Gras and the entire gym was filled with kelly green and purple. The food was excellent; the main dish…marinated steak tips with mushrooms. Once our delicious dinner was completed, an ice cream bar was available to create an ice cream sundae to your hearts content. With little time to digest, tables began to move to form the dance floor. It was time to get down. From then on, we all danced until our feet hurt. The DJ kept us all moving with the latest songs. The night however was short lived, like many great events. It now lives only in our minds as a memory with the friends we have acquired.

By Mike Alfego

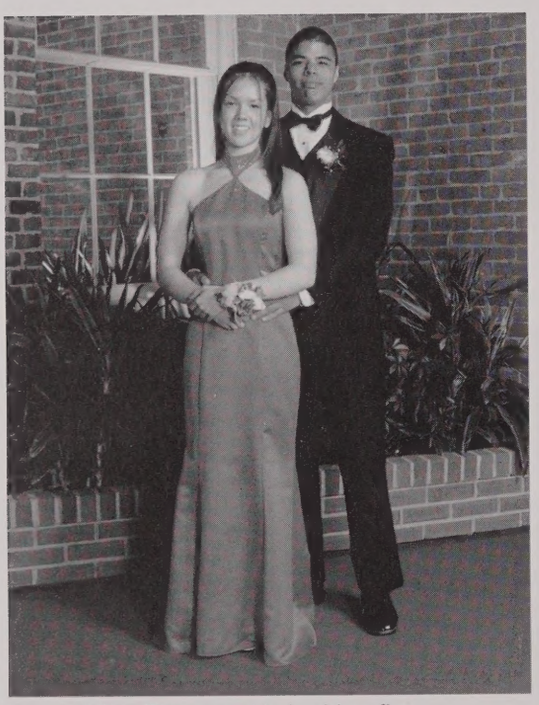
Brian Beahn, Ladies Man.







Colin Doyle and his lady in red.



Mike Raymond is looking fine.

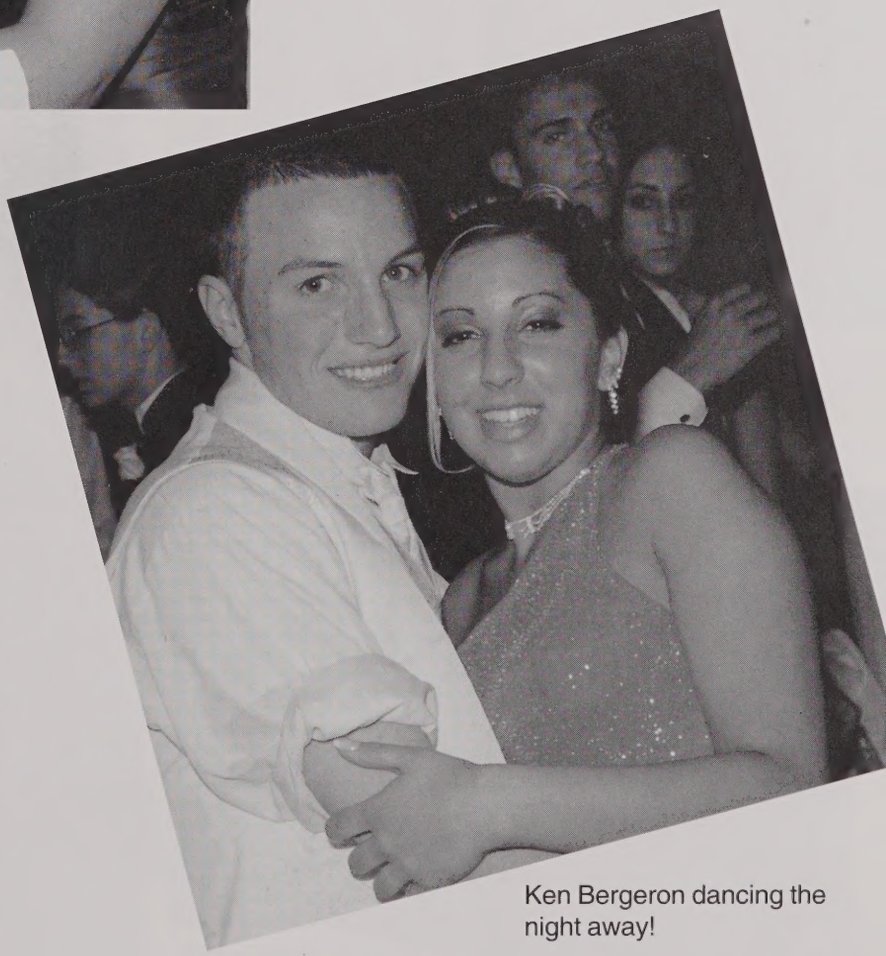
We are St. John's!

Joe Lazazzero, the Pepin boys, CJ Grenier, and Mike Trainor take a break before dancing.

Junior Prom

Mike Jenks and his beautiful date.

On an absolutely ideal spring night in May, the Junior class of St. John's enjoyed a fabulous Prom at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. The night was beautiful, the girls were beautiful, the food was great and the music was key. Thanks to the help of class moderators, Mr. Vilandre, Mrs. Fredette, and Mr. Danna, the night went off without a hitch. It was a memorable event for all in attendence. The personally monogramed pens and scrubs were pretty cool too.



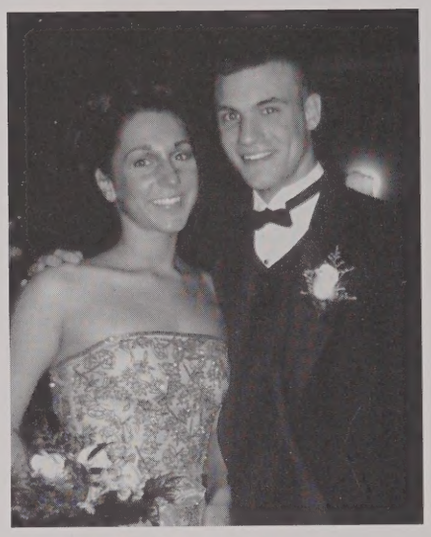
Ken Bergeron dancing the night away!

Mark Seibold and his date pause for a photo.

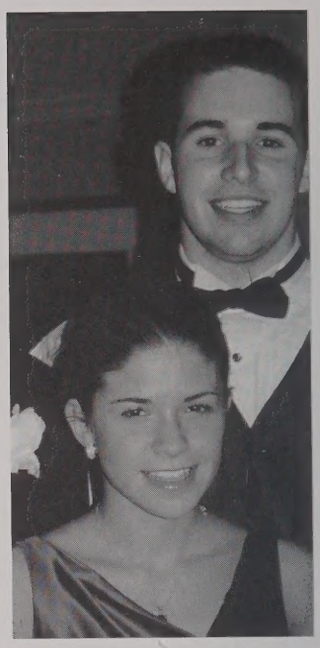
SENIOR Prom

The St. John's Senior Prom was held in April at the Wydham Hotel in Westboro. The damp cool weather did not bring down the spirits of the Class of 2003 and their dates. The evening started off with some great food, followed by dancing that went late into the night. Mrs. Bouvier did not disappoint the crowd showing off her now famous dance moves! No one wanted to see the night end. However, it did, all too soon. The ladies took home stuffed teddy bears and the guys sported some flashy new key chains.

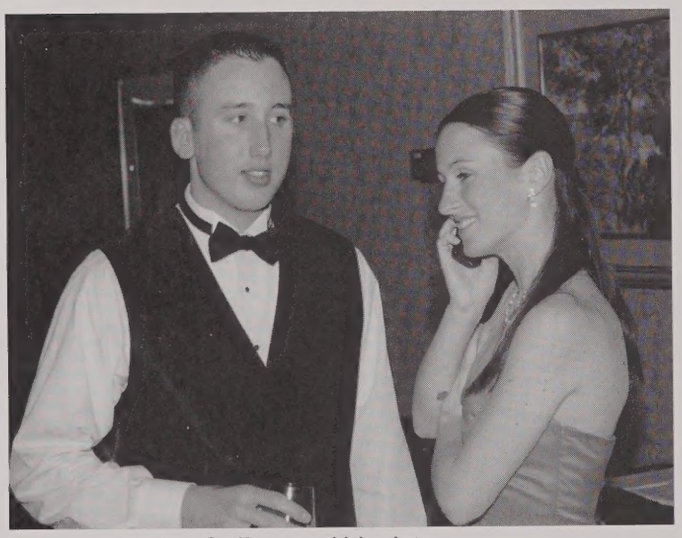
By Jason Curtis



Matt Grenier and his date.



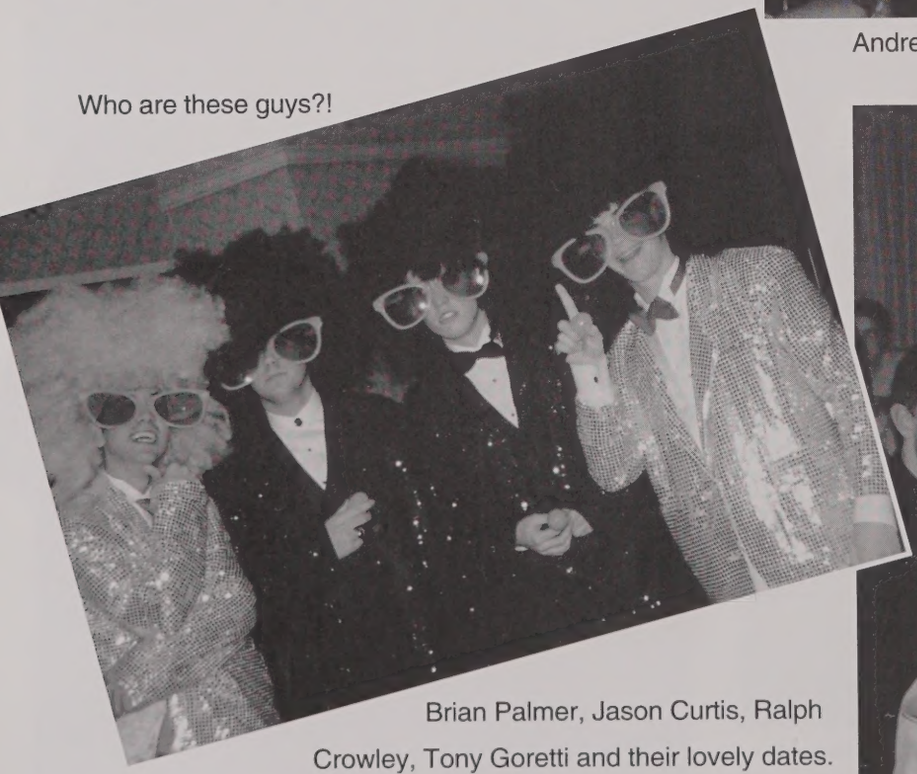
Zack Rivers and his date.



Joe Caffrey and his date.

Andrew Bouffard and Steve Ellison take a break in the action.

Who are these guys?!



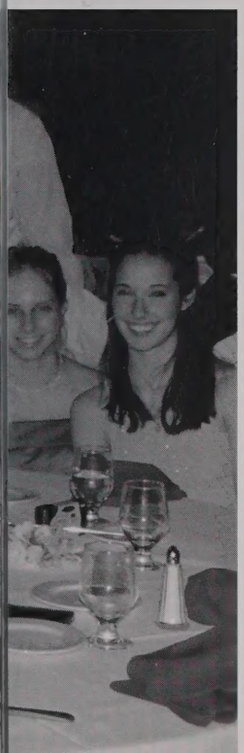
Brian Palmer, Jason Curtis, Ralph Crowley, Tony Goretti and their lovely dates.

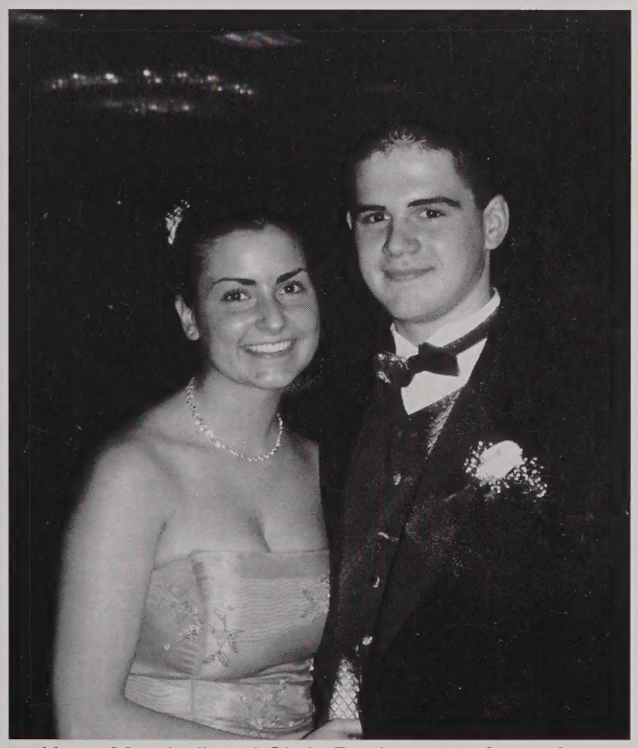
Anthony Cascio, Nick Bouthillette, George McColgan, and a beautiful friend.

Ryan Johnson and his lovely date.

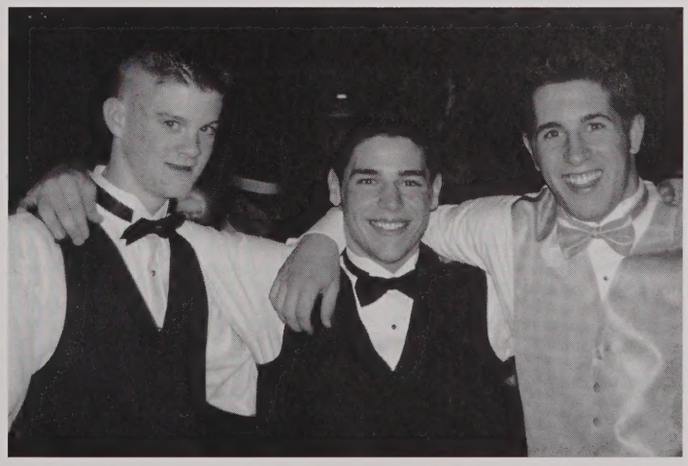
Andrew Creen, Tom Shea, and Lance Zawadzki show some moves off the field.

Nick Bodine and his date take a break from dancing.





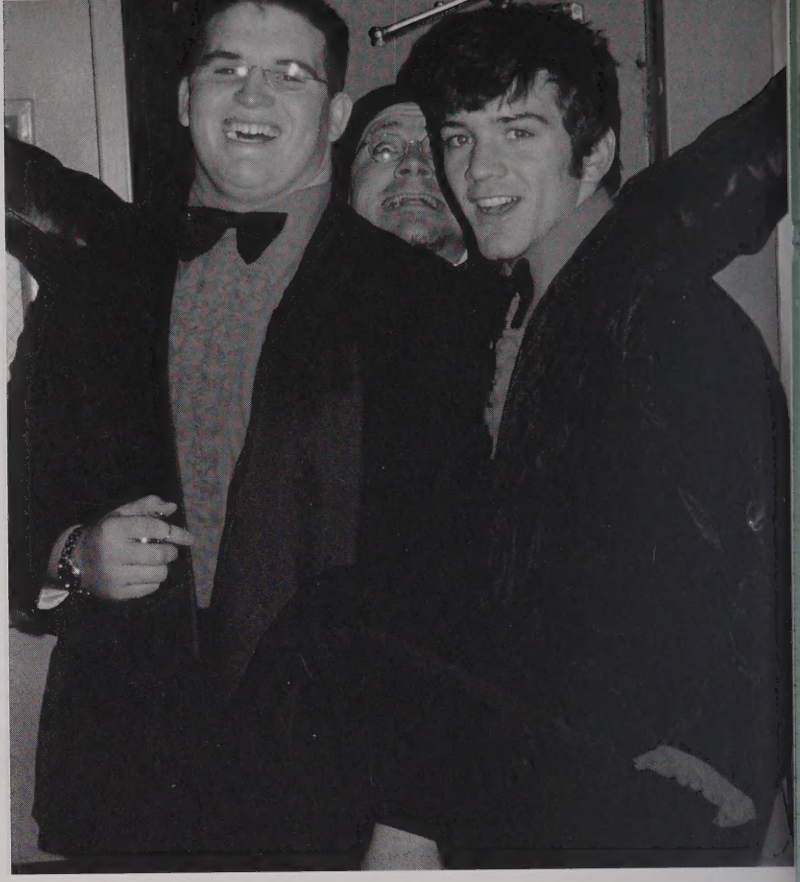
Kerry Marshall and Chris Doyle pause for a picture.

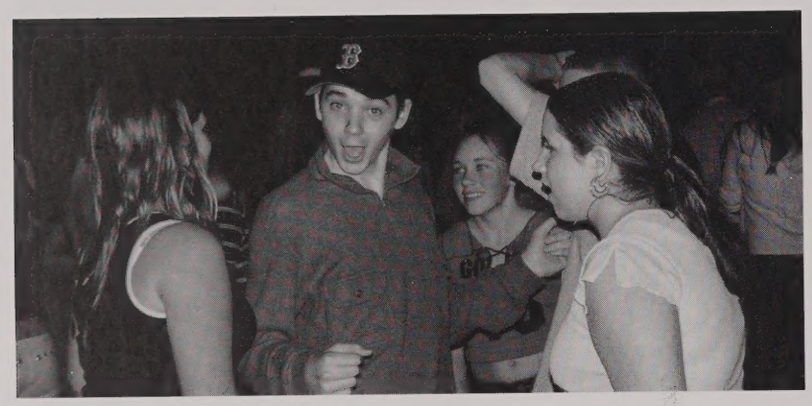


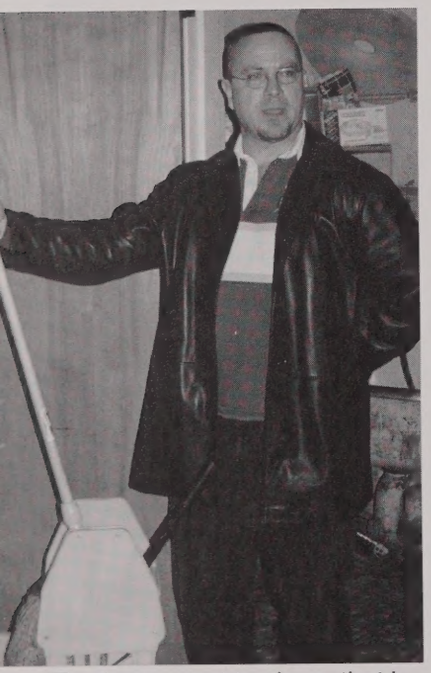
Brian Burlas, Brian Abraham, and Andrew Heald having fun.

Dances

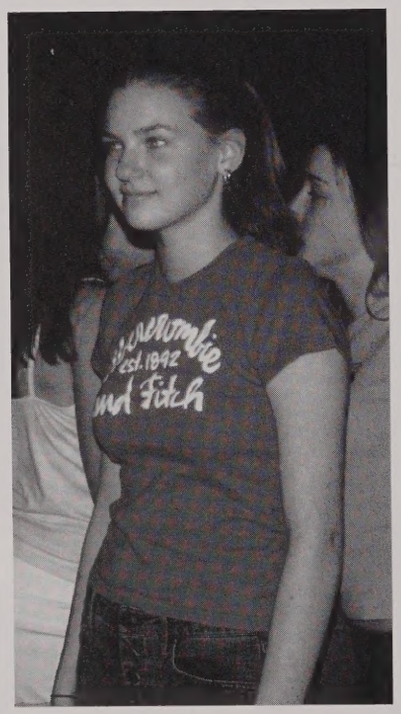
The ultimate St. John's social experience. Need we say more?





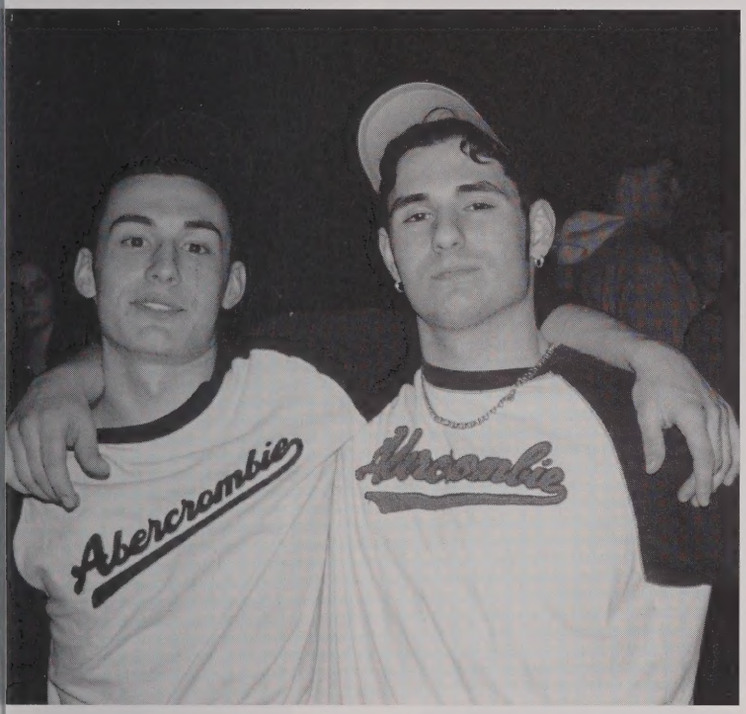


"To clean or not to clean, that is the question..."



Justin Pedrazzi, Ryan Cashman, Andy Hastings put in an appearance

Anton Smith, Curtis Gray, Matt Simokonis (... and Joe?)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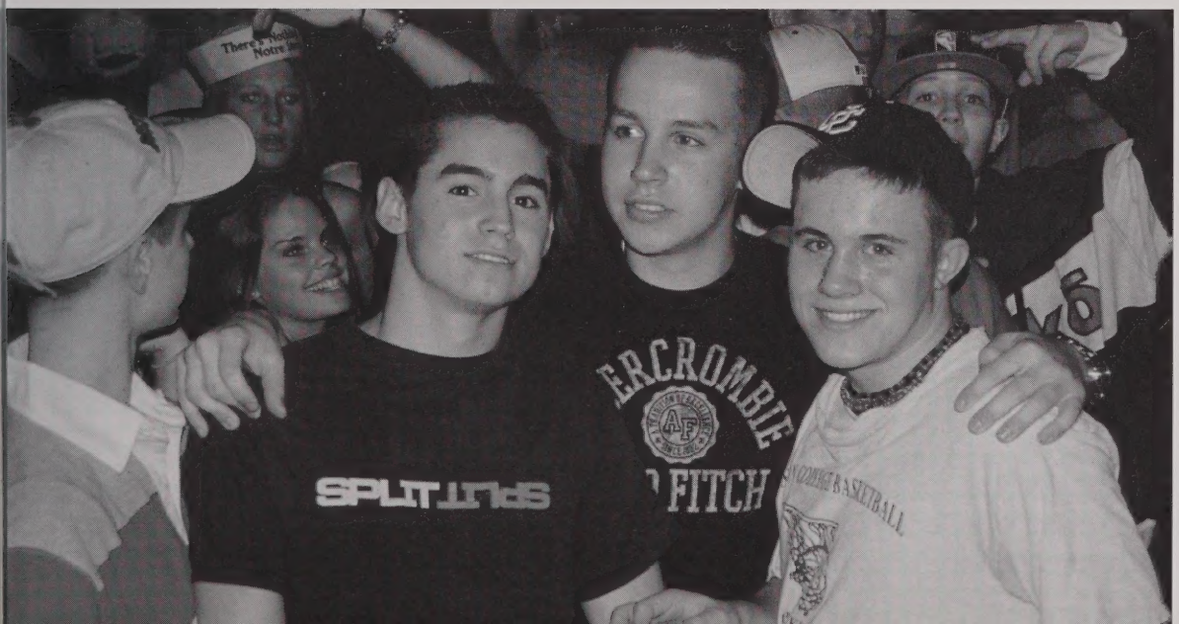
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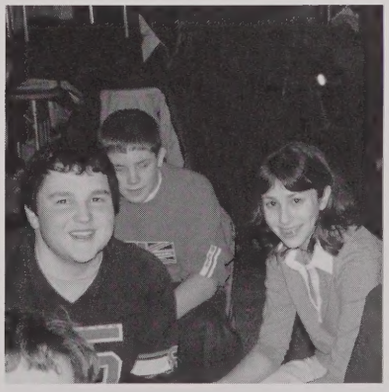

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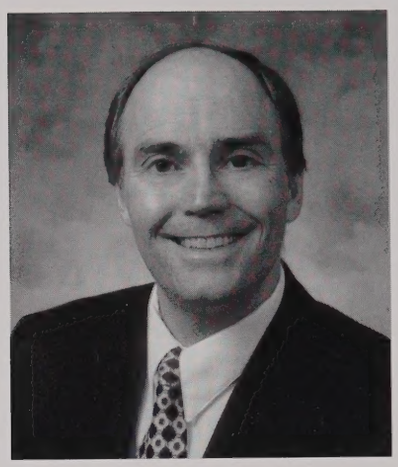

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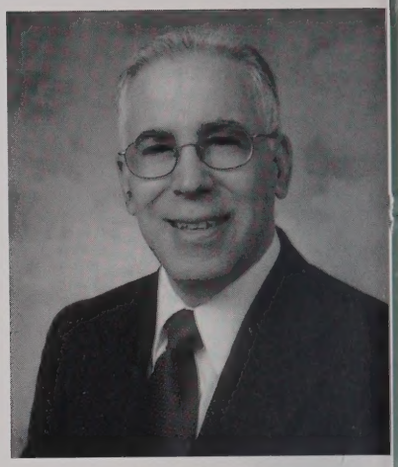

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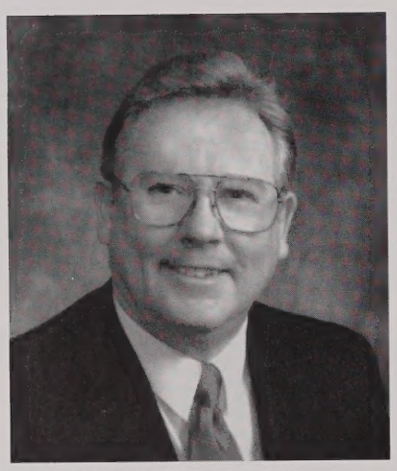

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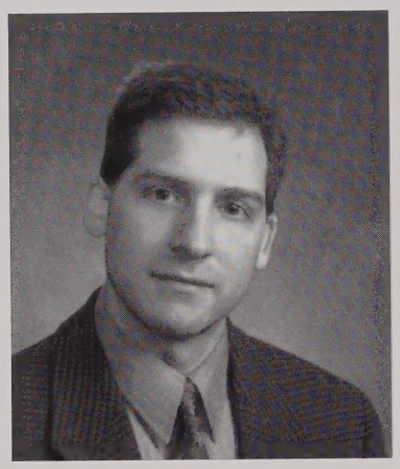

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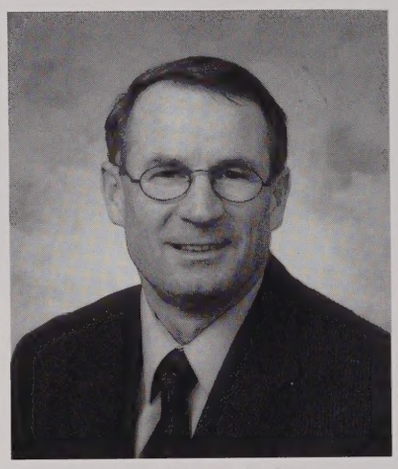

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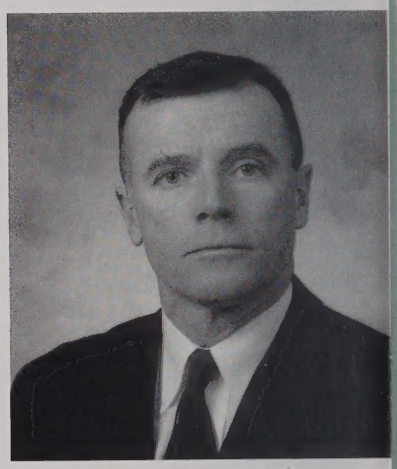

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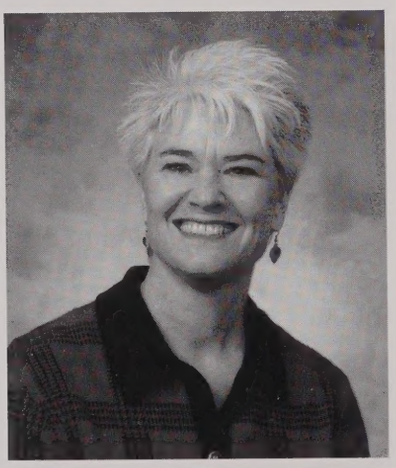

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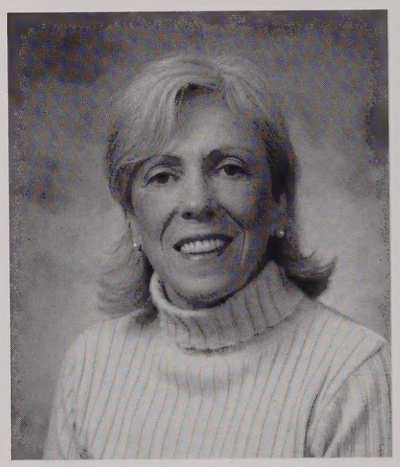

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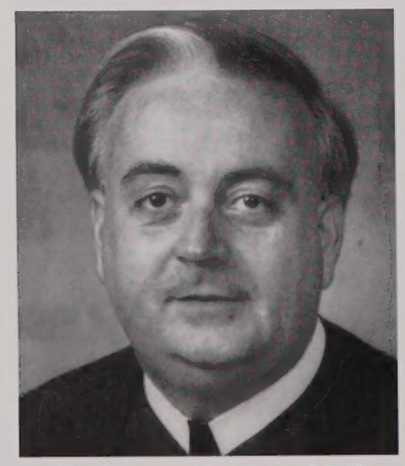

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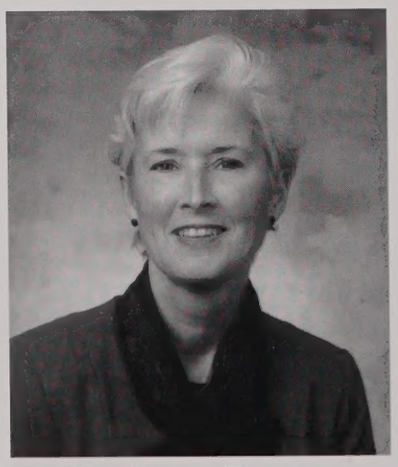

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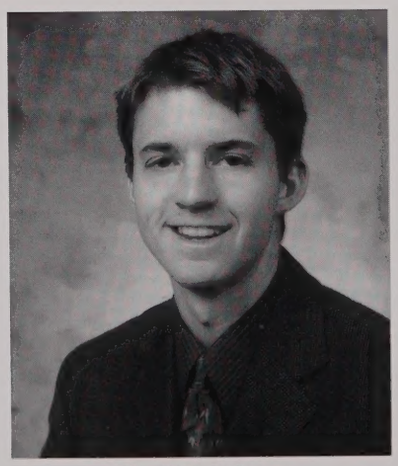

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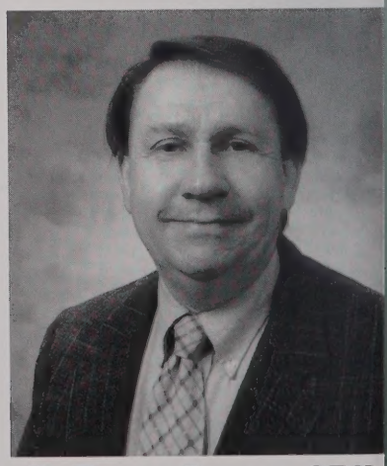

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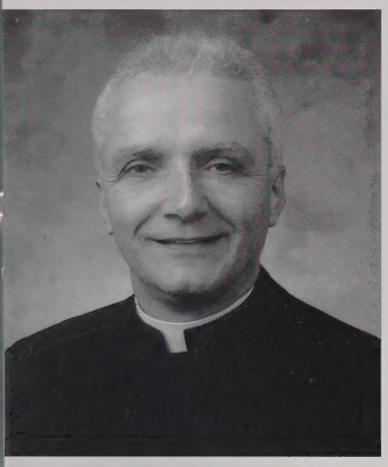

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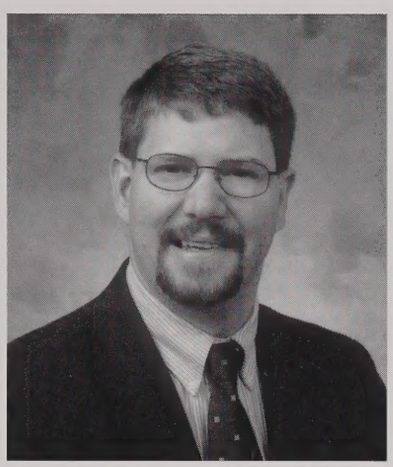

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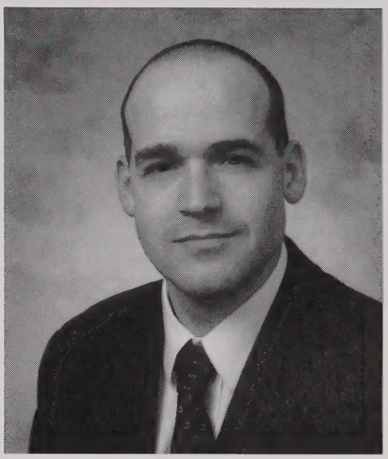

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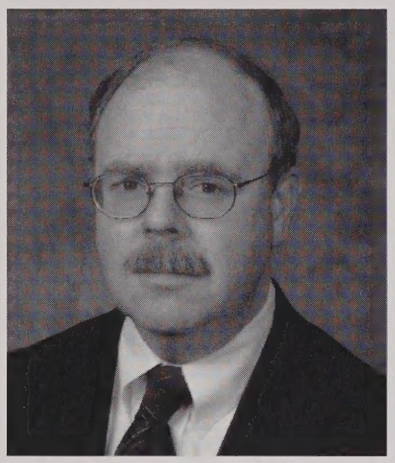

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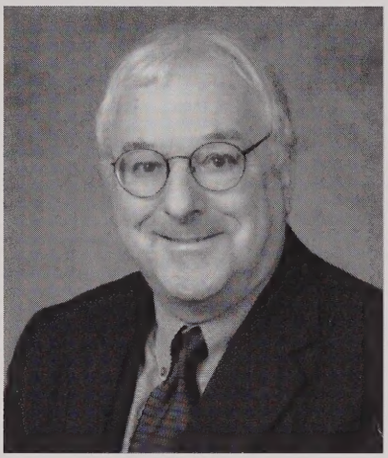

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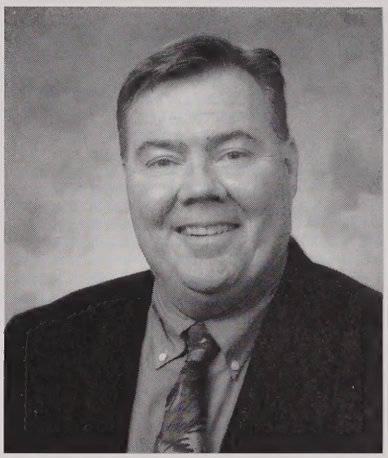

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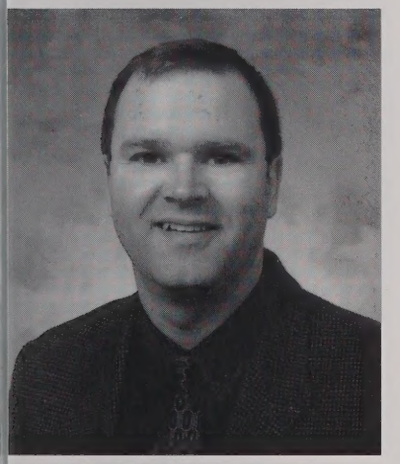

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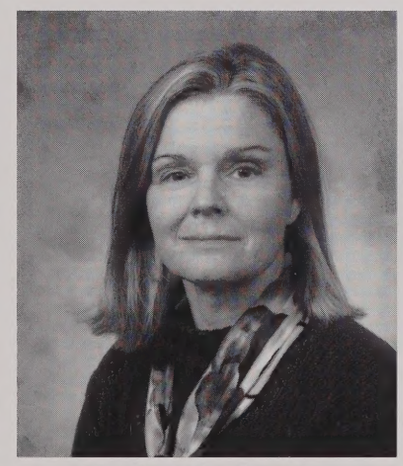

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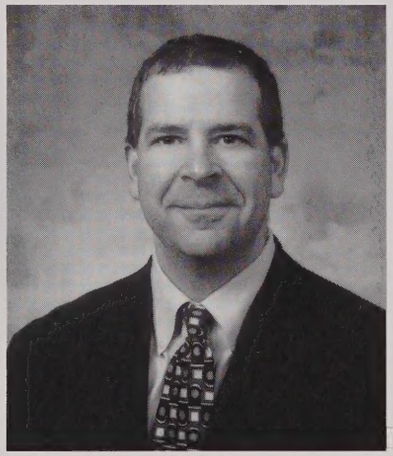

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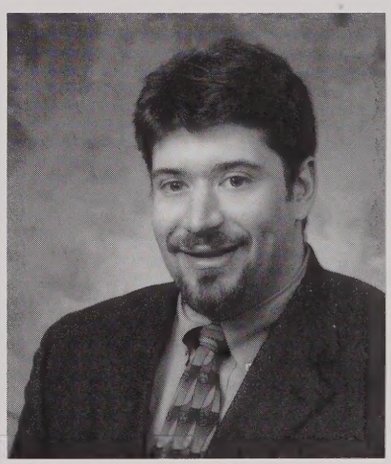

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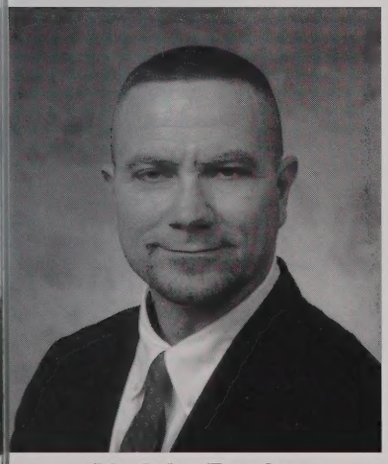

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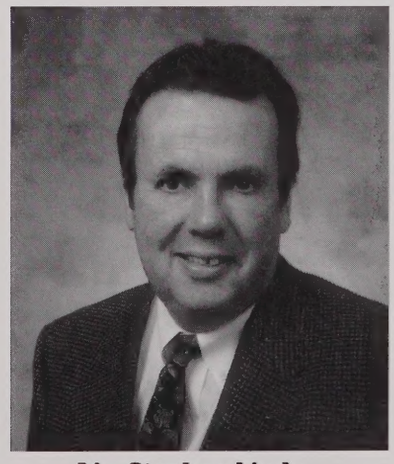

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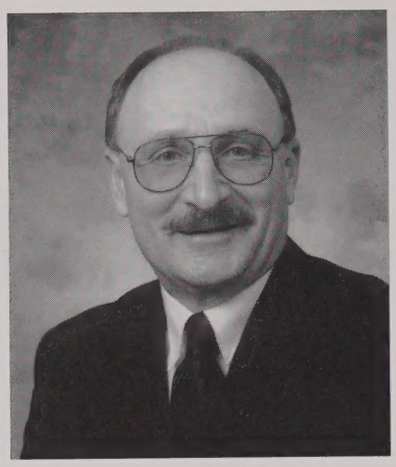

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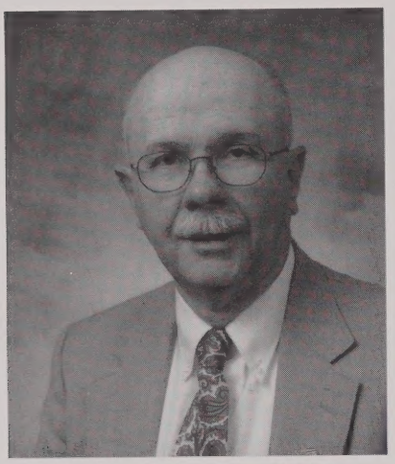
Mr. Prendiville keeps score.



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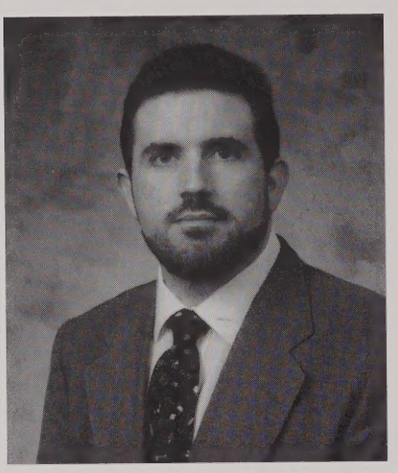

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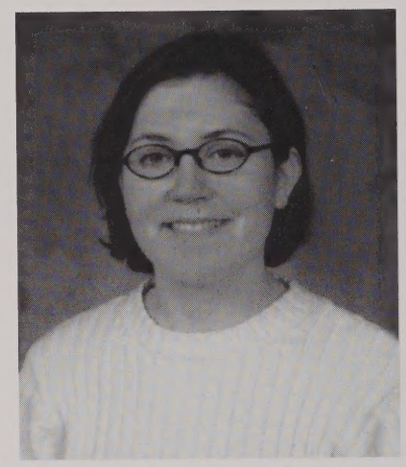

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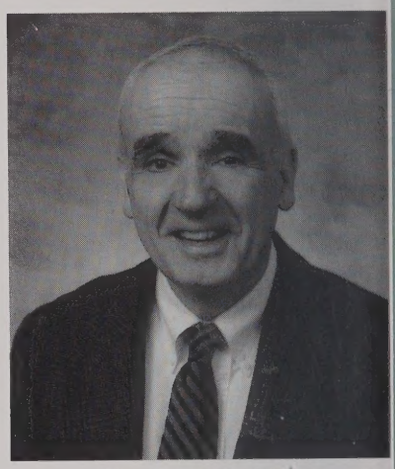

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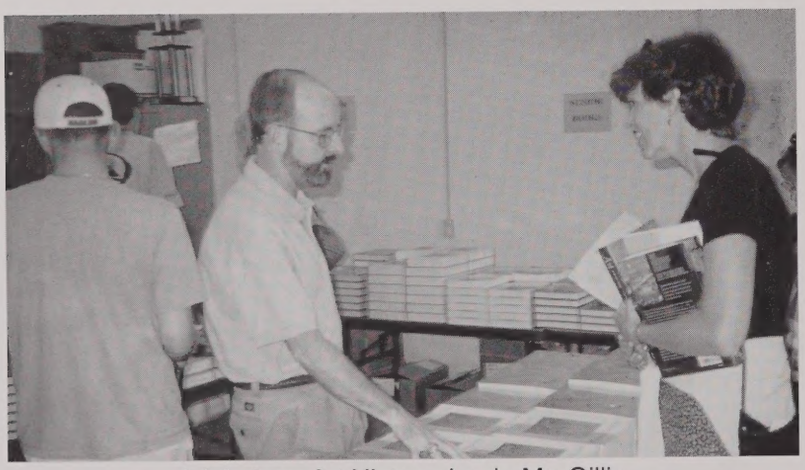
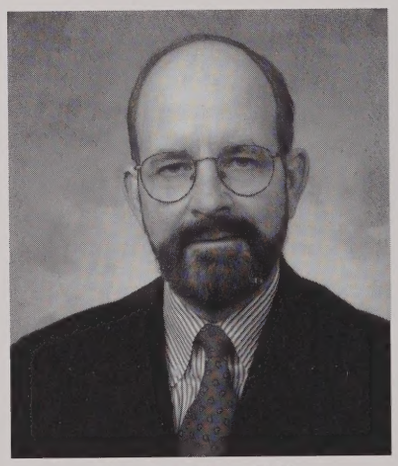


A fabulous Art History book, Mr. Gillis



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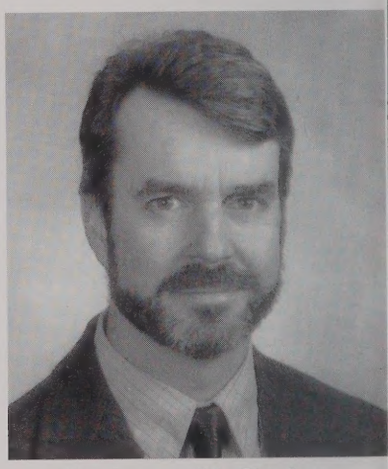

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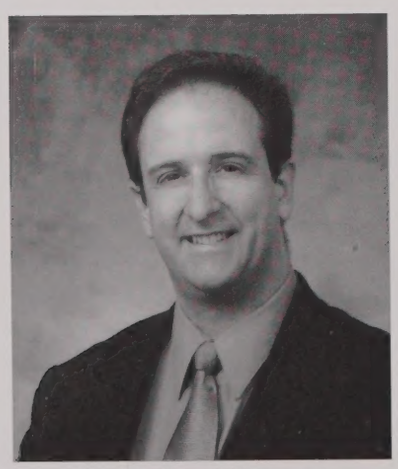

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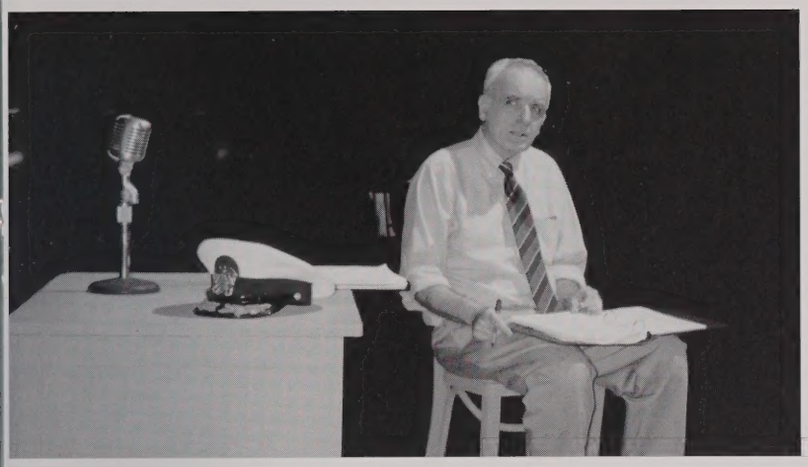

Mr. Dolan, The ultimate director.

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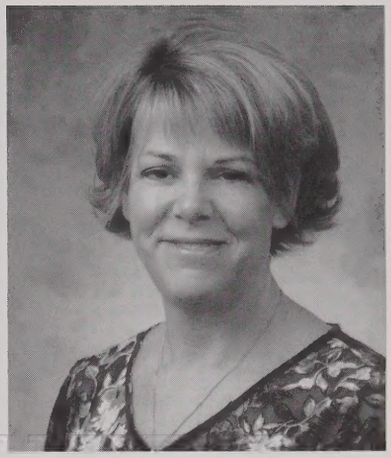

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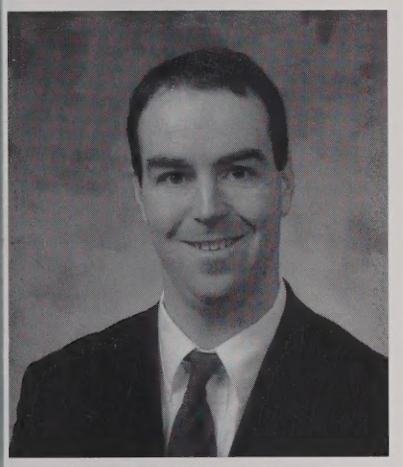

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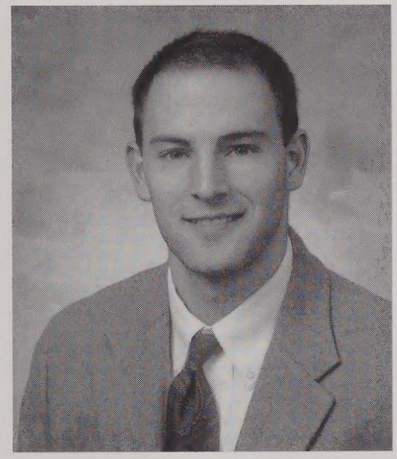

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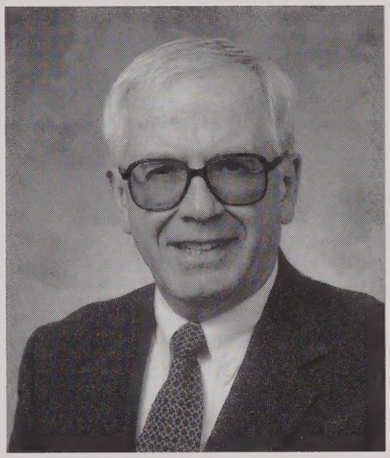

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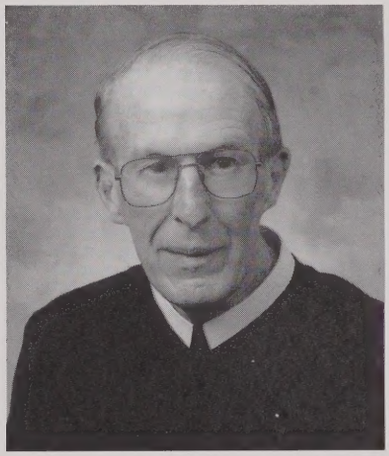

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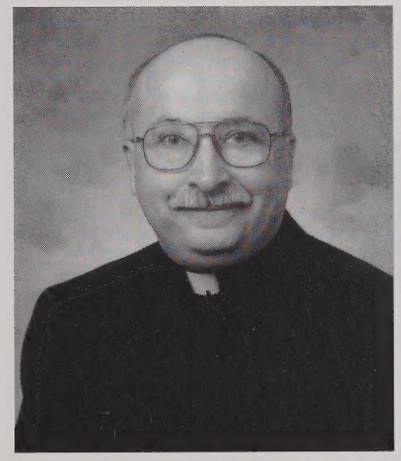

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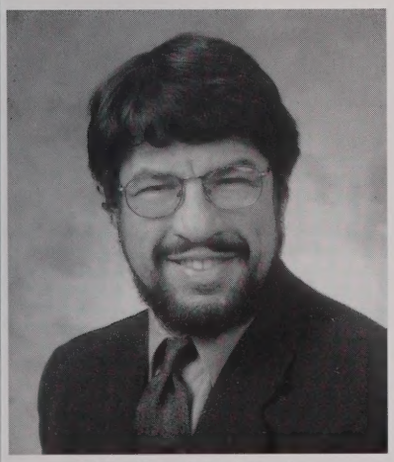

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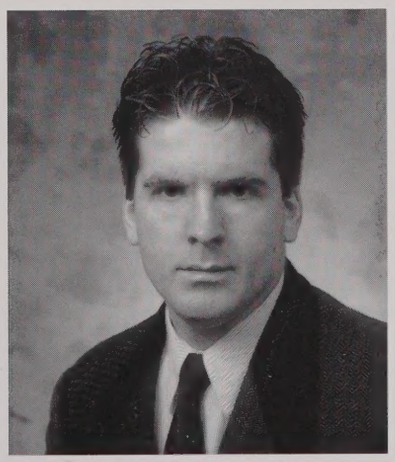

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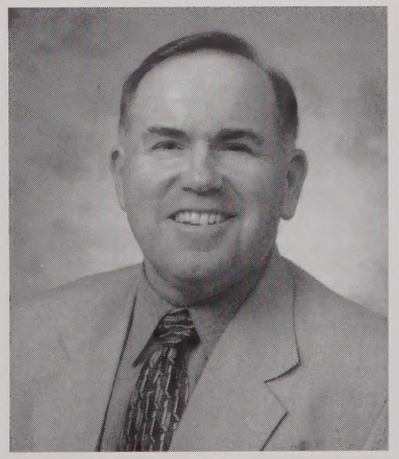

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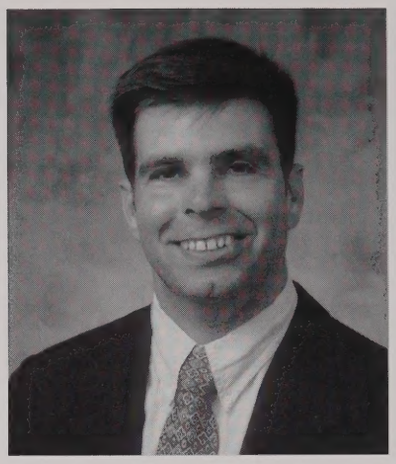

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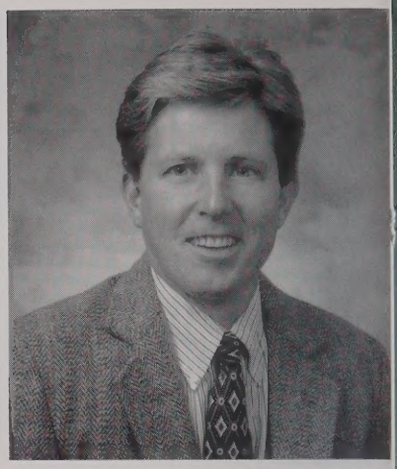

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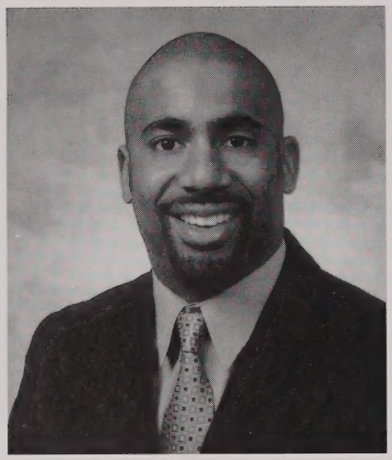

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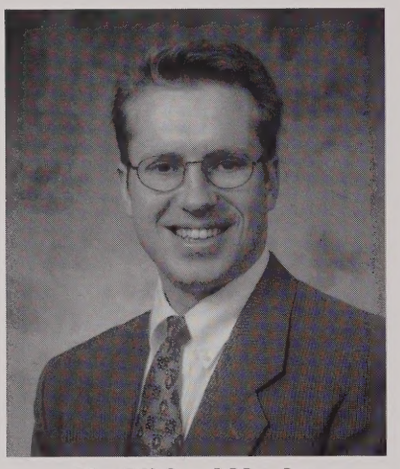

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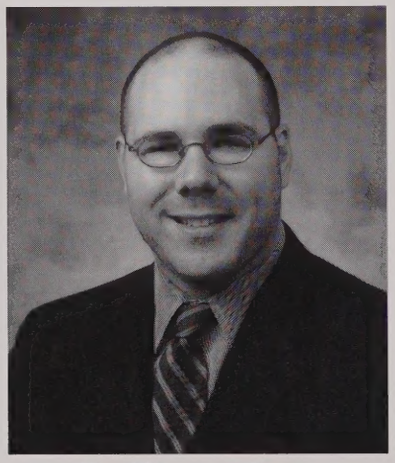

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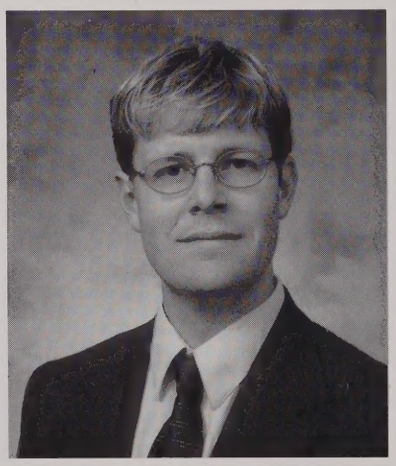

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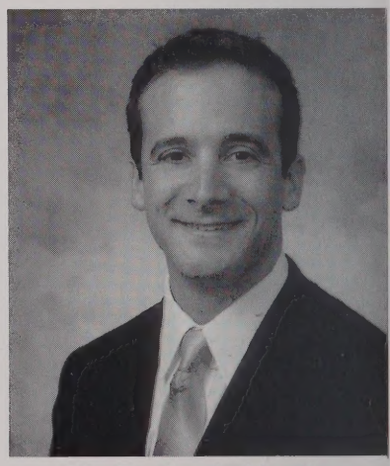

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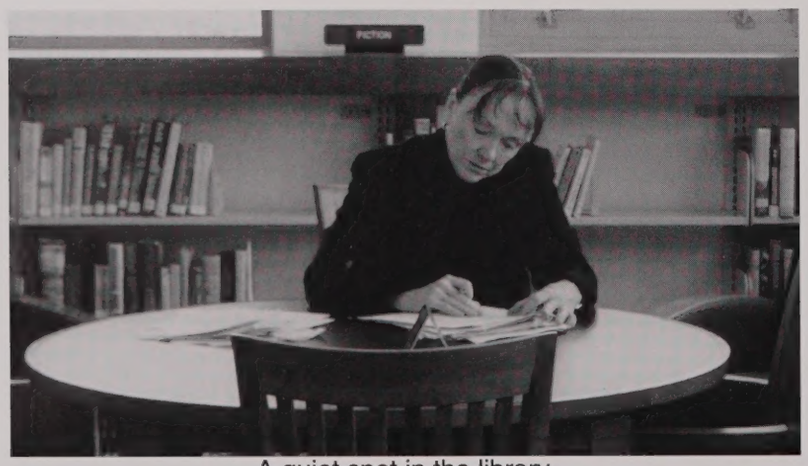

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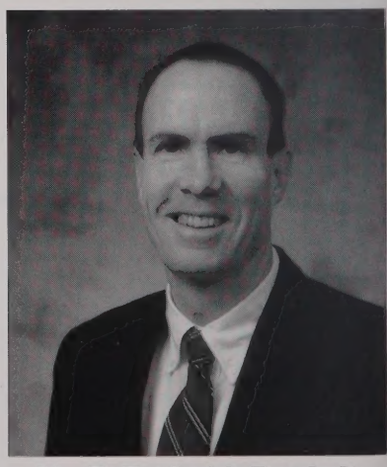

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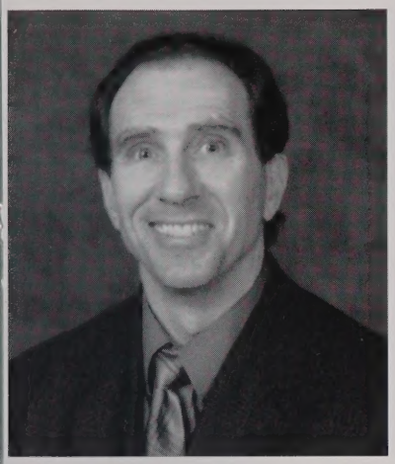

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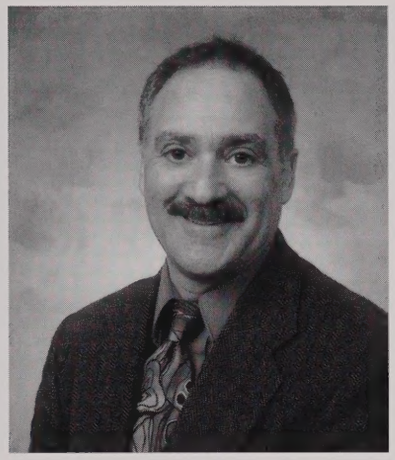

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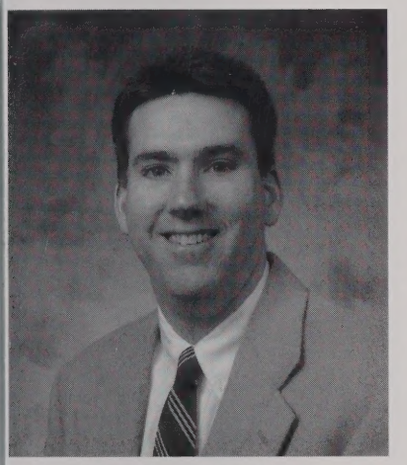

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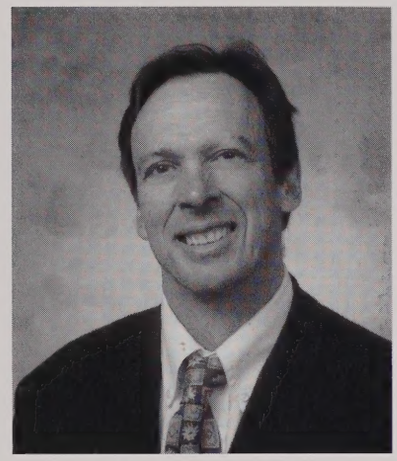

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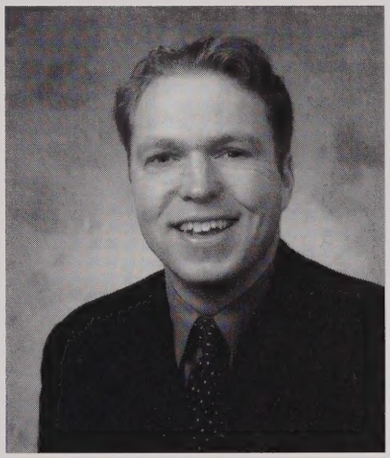

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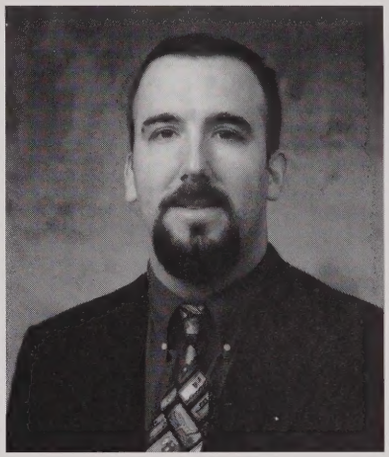

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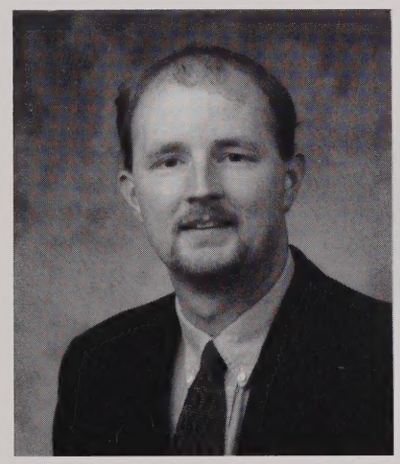

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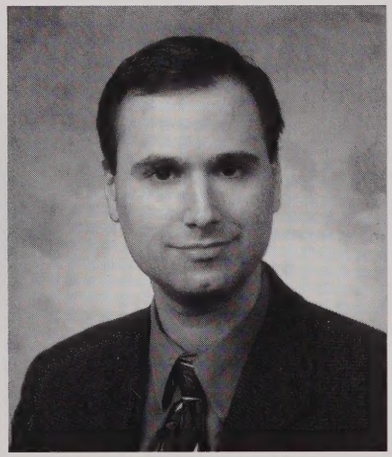

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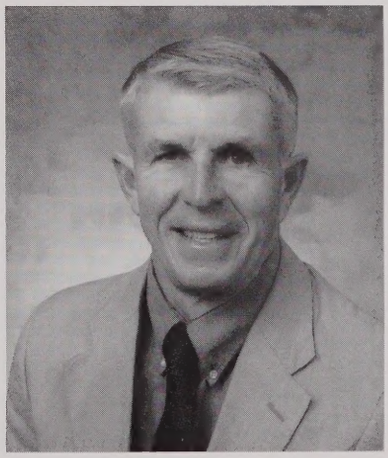

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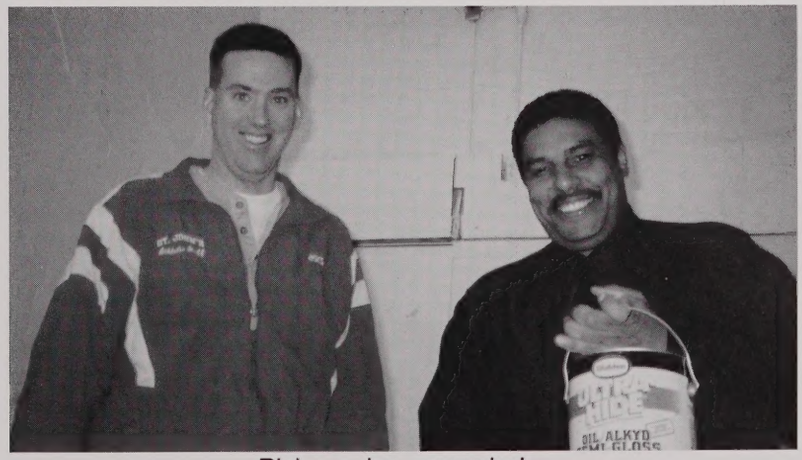

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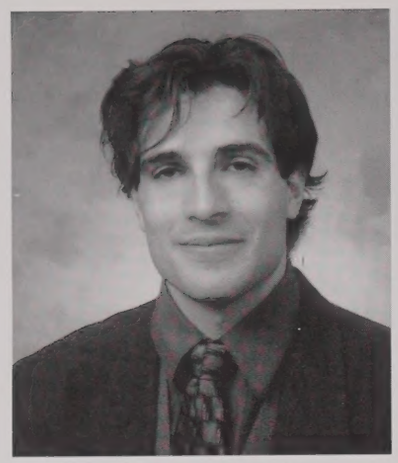

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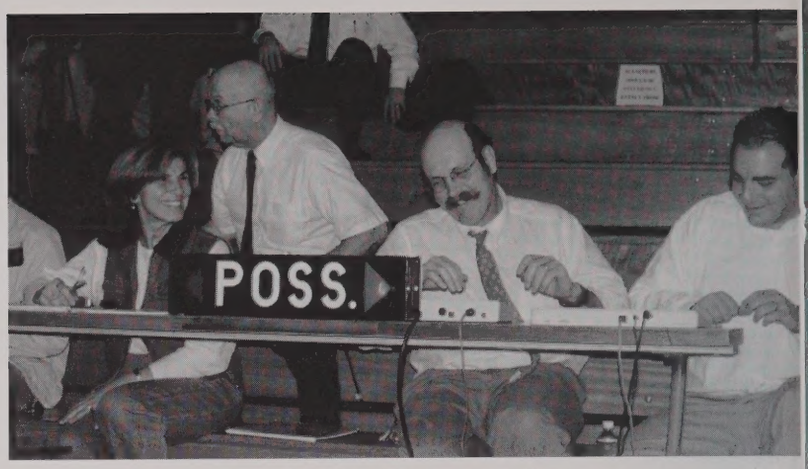

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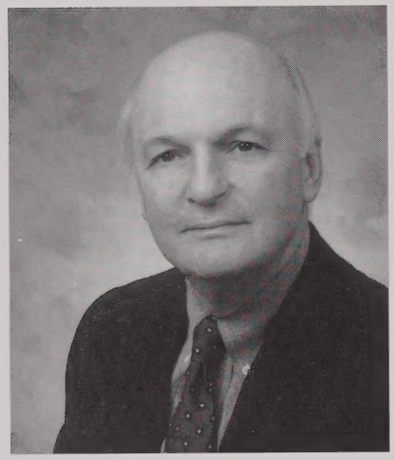

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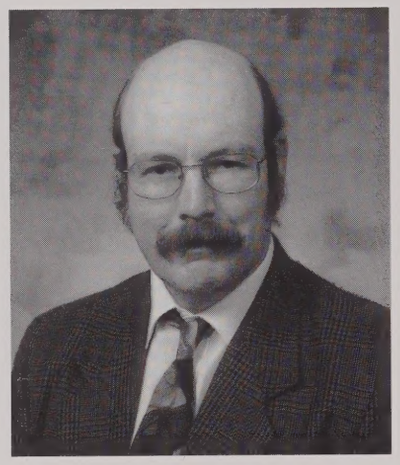

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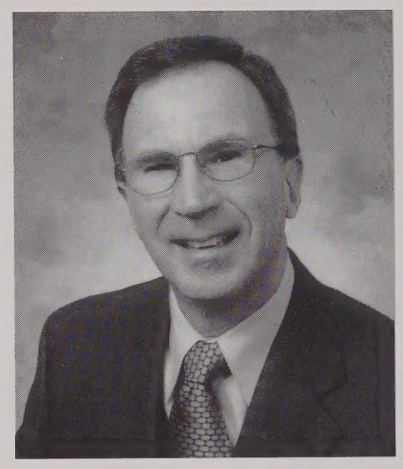

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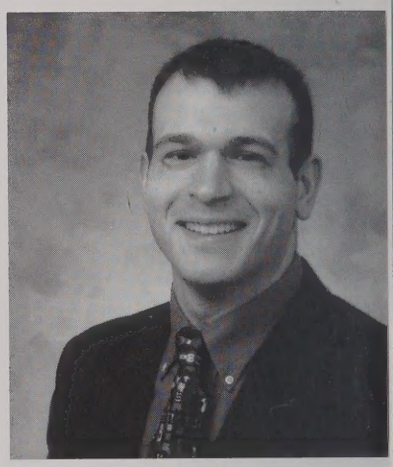

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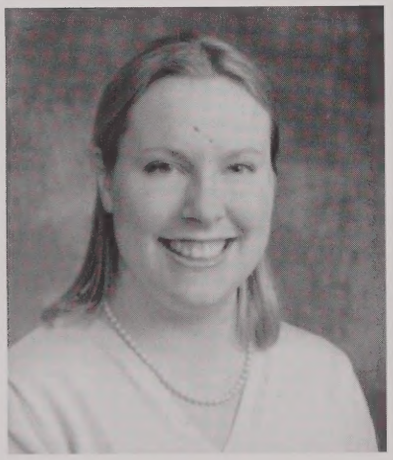

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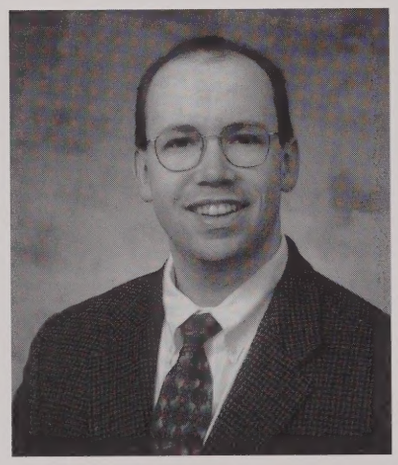

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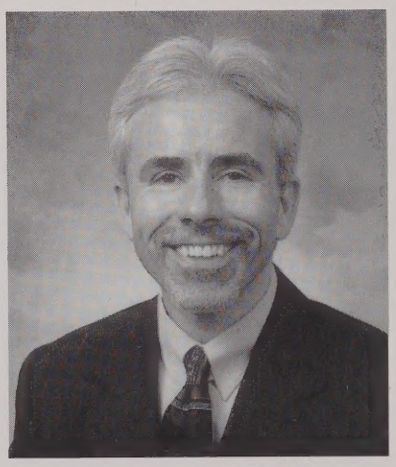

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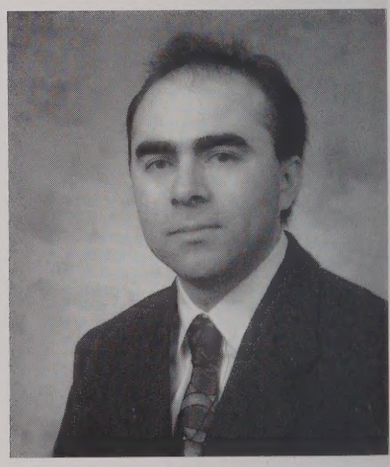

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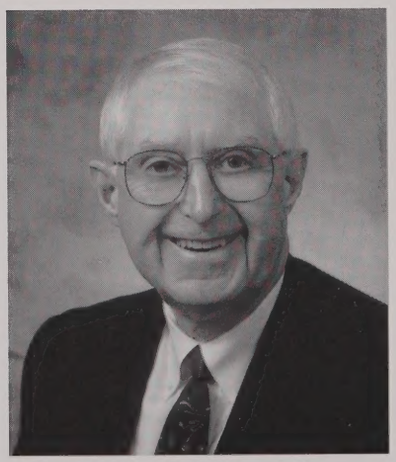

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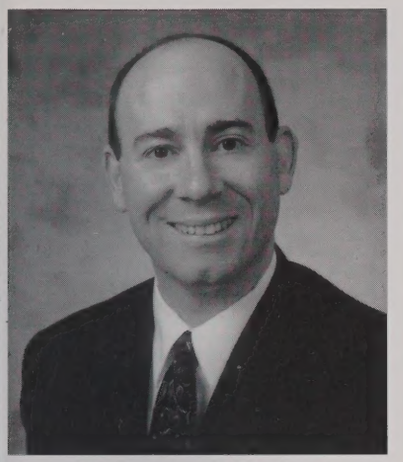

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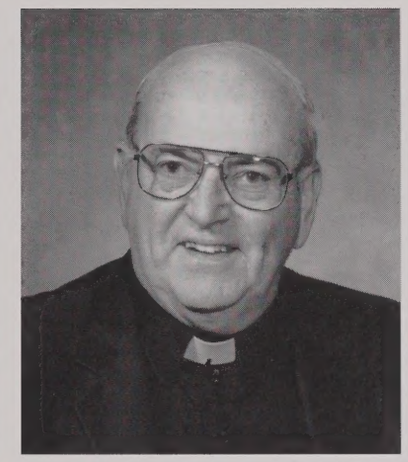

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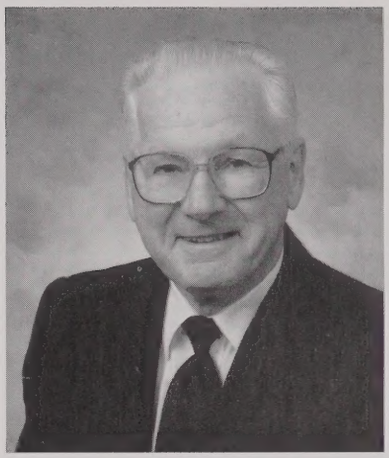

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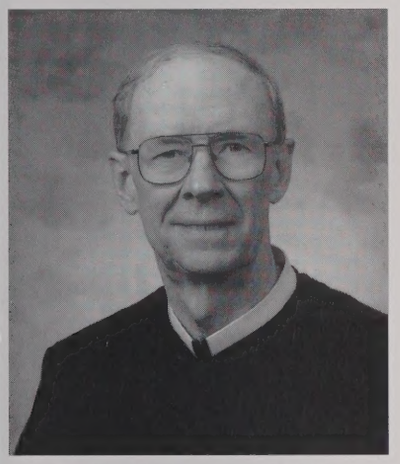

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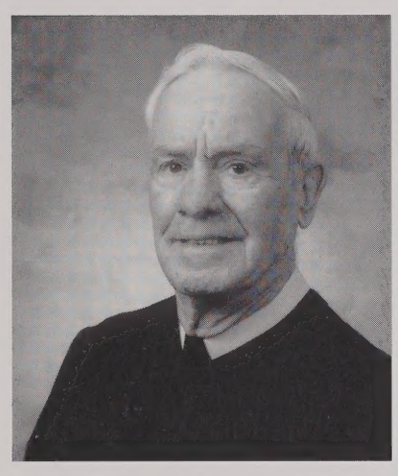

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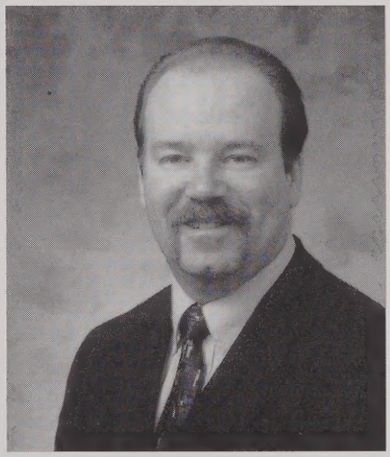

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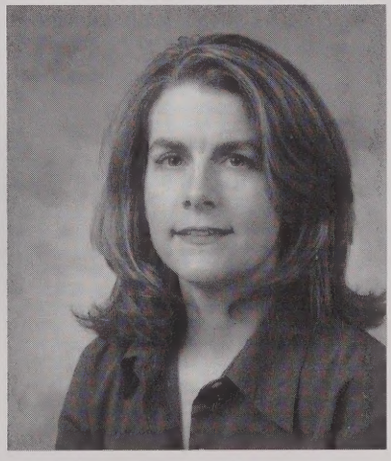

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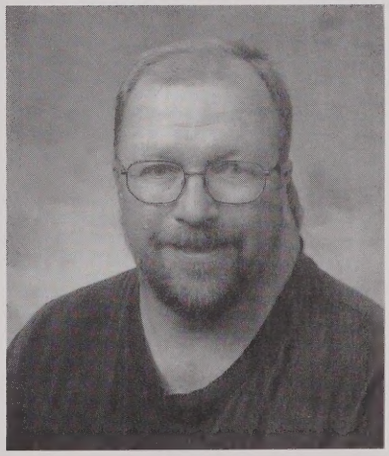

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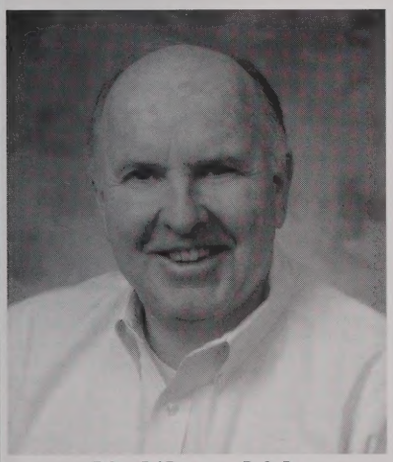

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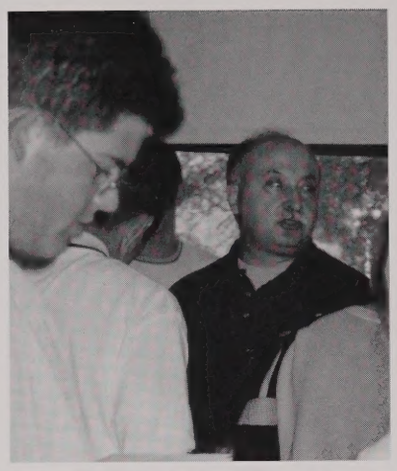

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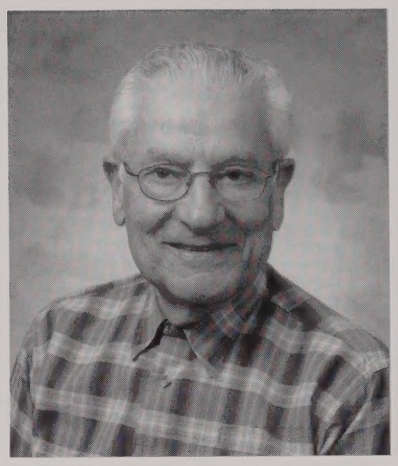

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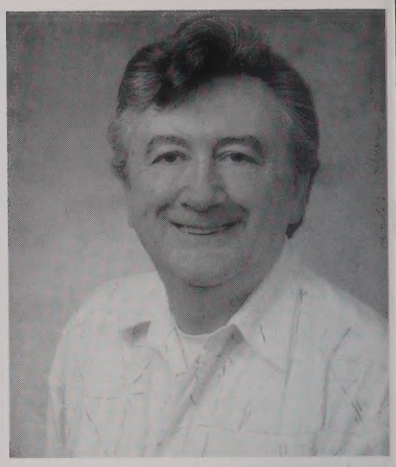

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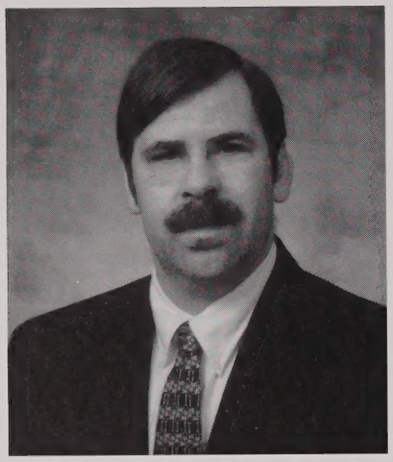

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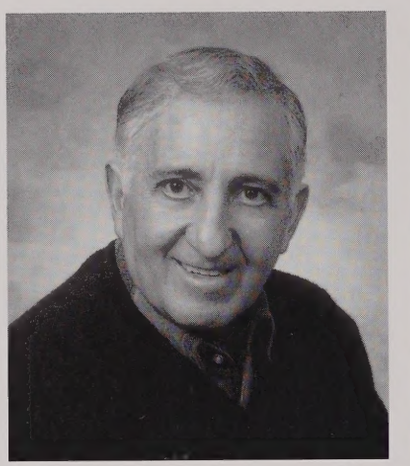
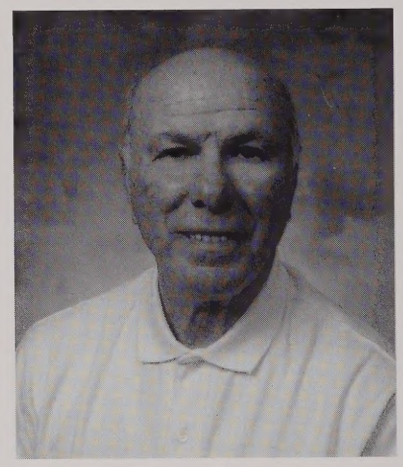
Buildings and Grounds



Mr. Timothy Camarra, Sr.
Buildings and Grounds



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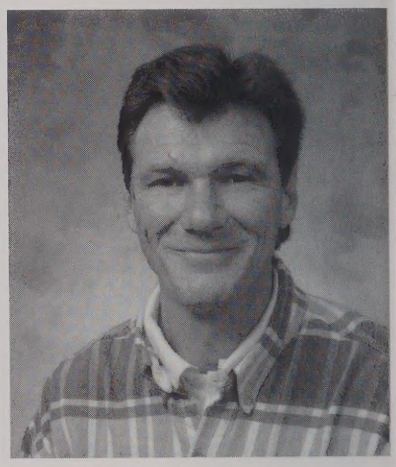

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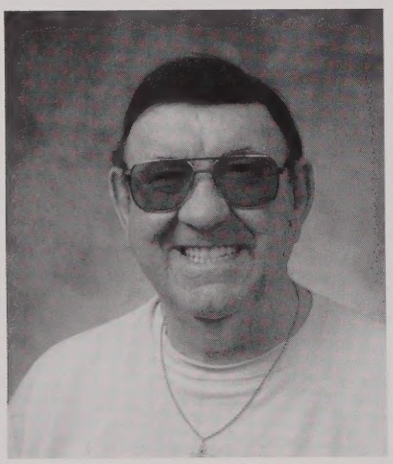

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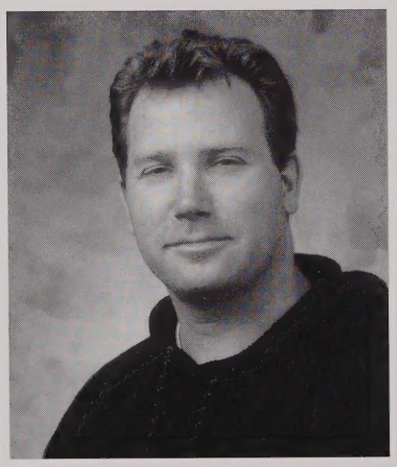
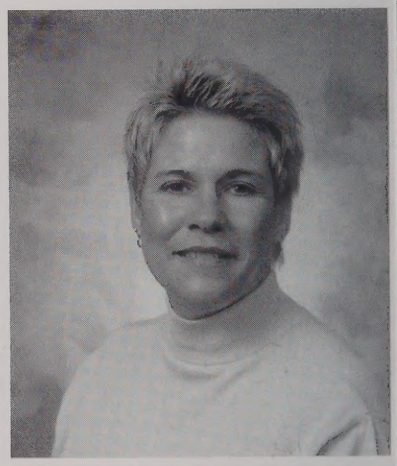


Mr. Scott Nelson
Building and Grounds

Mrs. Jackie Joubert
Cafeteria Staff



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Mrs. Michelle Carmody
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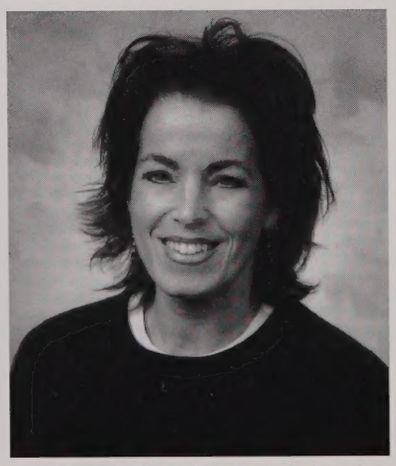
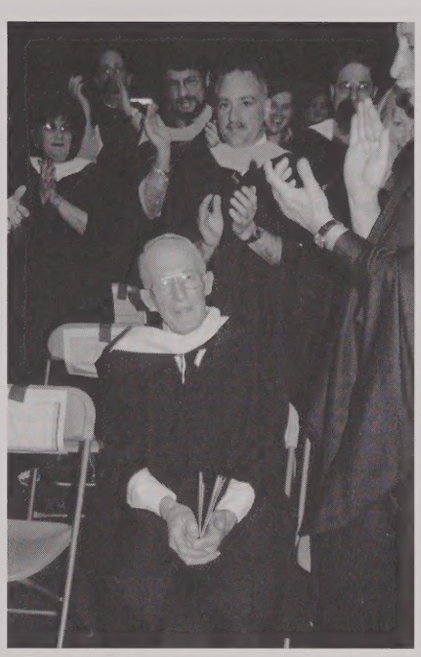


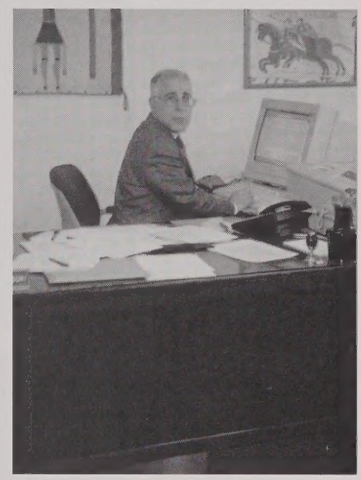
Mrs. Michelle Arminio
Cafeteria Staff

Mrs.Bouvier shines at the Prom.

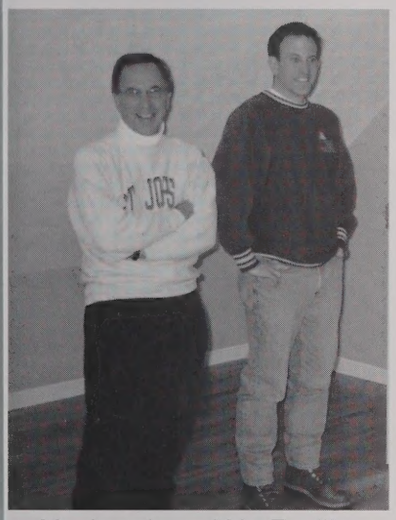


Brother Plunket gets a standing ovation at graduation for his 50 years in the classroom!

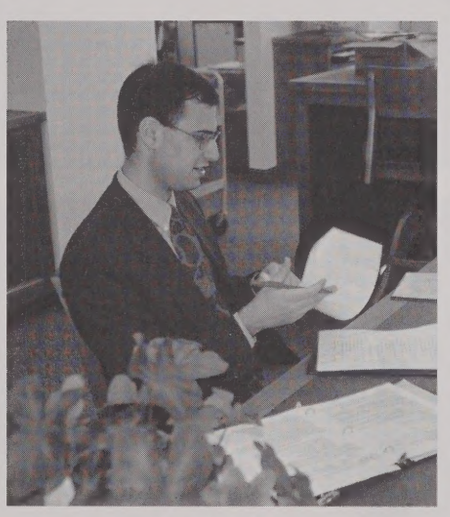
Mr. Gregory hard at work.



Mr. Moynaugh and Mr. Lane.



Mr. Jourcin and Mr. Ermilio

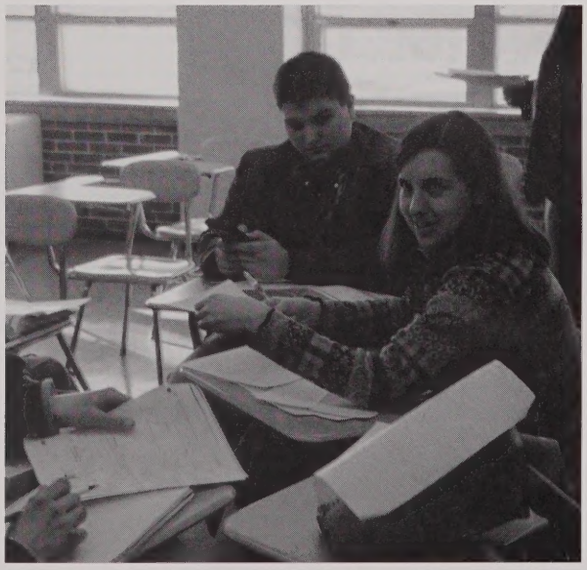


Mr. Abdella

Mrs. Shi and Mrs. Abdella take tickets at the Spring Show.

Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Foley-Donovan do a little community service.

Mr. Hughes gets physical instead of philosophical.



Mrs. James, always available for a little extra help.

Homerooms

Freshman H.R. 100, Mr. Abdella

Top row: Ed Beckett, Steve Bigda, Alex Berg, Matt Barstin, Andrew Brecker, Steve Barton

Middle Row: Steve Bachelder, John Bond, Mick Bache, Anthony Adversa, Will Atamian, Mike Angers, James Alicata, Matt Branon

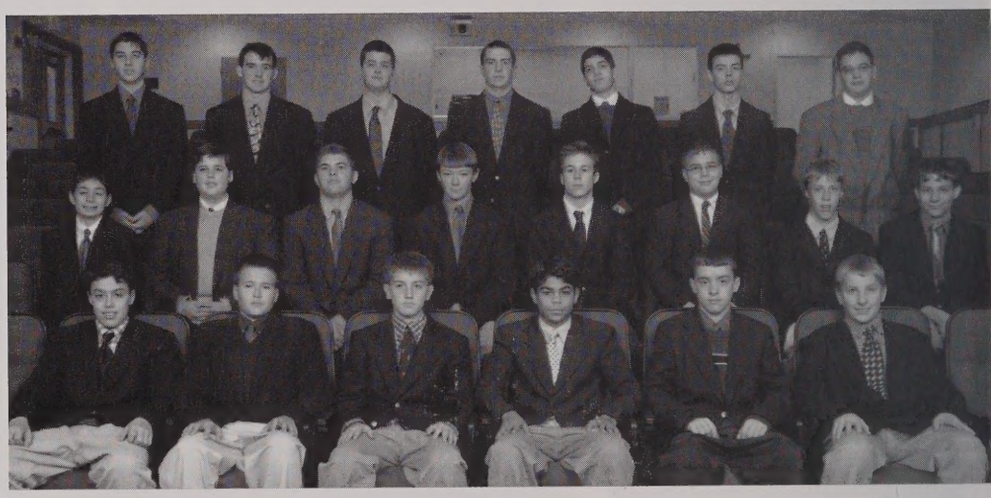
Bottom Row: Robbie Blotcher, Luke Biggins, David Anthony, Raul Banergee, Kevin Atchue, Chris Barnum

Freshman H.R.101, Mrs. Fredette

Top row: Jason Boyd, Dan Breau, Ian Canfield, Joe Carter, Michael Brke, Dan Caraldo, John Boyle

Middle Row: Dan Carroll, Dan Bmbarger, Andrew Cadette, ben Buddenhagen, Matt Caola, Derek Coburn, David Bowman

Bottom row: James Cameron, Trevor Brown, Alx Casey, Diego Castro, Jesse Clapp, Ryan Burkhant



Freshman H.R.102, Mr. Wilson

Top row: Greg DiGeronimo, Mike Curley, Nick DiNardo, Josh Connell, Joe Donnelly, Dave Curley, Alex Dora, Brendan Donahue, Rob Davis

Middle row: Matt Dana, Brian Dolan, Alex DiBenedetto, Kyle Daly, Robert Doane, William Cox, Charles DeSt.Croix, Matt Doherty

Front Row: Brendan Cove, Sal DiStefano, Bob Donahue, Sam Corner, Brannon Cote-Dumphy, Josh Dowd

Freshman H.R.107, Mrs.James

Top row: Mike Giard, Craig Doyle, Matt Galica, Chris Frendl, Brian Foley, Peter Espe, Henry Eisemann, James Farwell, Daniel Ford, Eric Figueiredo

Middle row: Dan Garofoli, Mike Foley, Kris Fotheringham, Andrew Fitch, Nathan Dube, Mike Gardner, Chad Gandolfi, Lee Gavin

Front row: Colin Erickson, James Gavin, Steve Foley, J.T. Galant, Zack Enos, Chris Dufault

Freshman H.R.203, Mr. Linde

Top row: Zack Guidaboni, Dan Heavey, Glenn. Griffin, Corey Gill, Andrew Iaccarino, John Harrison, Mike Hood, Chris Harrington, Matt Gorgoglioni,Kyle Green

Middle row: Nick Kantany, Tom Grady, Tom Hayes, Husain Jaffergi, Bruce Harris, Ben Jensen-Wheat, Tom Higgins

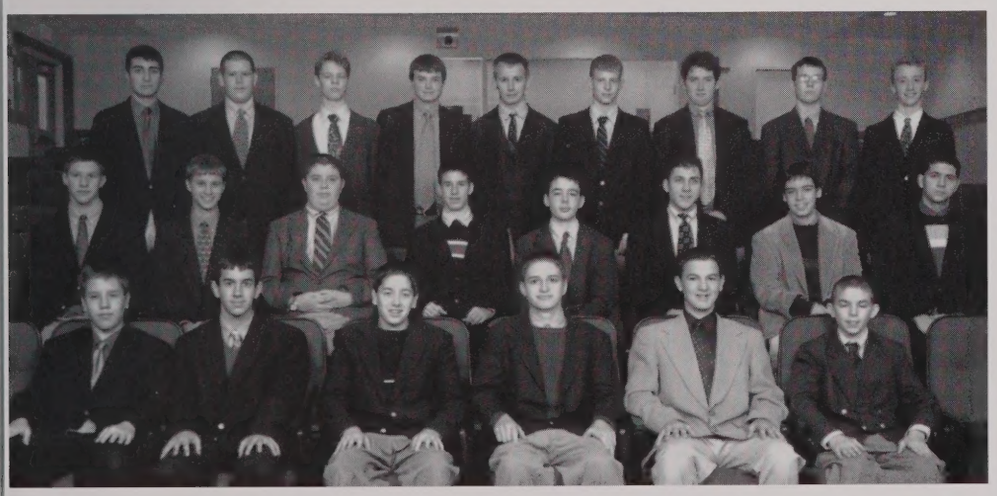
Front row: Chris Jacobson, Sam Haddad, Chris Hodgerney, Kevin Halloran, Jeff Holobek, James Harshaw

Freshman H.R.205, Ms. Vanaskie

Top Row: John- Claude Kassab,Nick Leighton, Patrick Kneeland, Matt Kronk, Mike Kubiak, Aaron Knowldon, Kevin Kordowski, Shawn Larson

Middle Row: Tom Leonard, Scott Kjellburg, Michael Kusy, Nick Lizotte, Matt Logan, Todd Lane, Eric Kronlund, Andrew Lee

Bottom Row: Michael Legere, PJ Lacroix, Ryan Kelly, Michael LeFamine, Luke Knowles, Kyle Kazarian



Freshman H.R.209, Mr.Curry

Top row: Zack Markarian, Mike Marino, Dan McColgan, Tim Marsden, Andrew Mayshar, Andrew MacKay, Brendan Mathews, Peter Macura, Greg Mathias

Middle row: Dan MacAdam, David Mavricos, William Madaus, Steve Lordan, Tim Ludy, Joe Marine, Dillon McCarthy, Mike Louis

Front row: Sean Lorden, Tim Marinone, Andrew May, Colin Lucius, Joel Martineau, Pat Magee

Freshman H.R.106, Mr. Mulcahy

Top row: Matt Melina, Tyler McKeon, Steve Natale, Christopher Miller, James Murphy, James Nugent, Justin Newton, Pavaan Mehta, Justin Michela, Mike Nosek, Jeff Moore, Mike Metzmaker

Middle row: Mike O'Brien, Bryan Murphy, Chad Mondor, Andrew Nealon, Philip Murphy, Michael Nishino, Matt Nylan, Kevin McGinn

Front row: John McNamara, Richard Mitchell, Nolan Murphy, Paul Morana, Stelios Melachrinoudis, Michael Mirarchi

Freshman H.R. 217, Mr. Jeniski

Top row: Chris Pieniazek, J.P. Phillips, Kurt Pullman, Mike Reilly

Middle row: Kyle Richards, Patrick O'Connell, David Revis, Shivalik Rondev, Tim Patch, Mike Repetto

Front row: Mike Quealy, Mike Reil, Scott Picariello, Eric Pearson, Cameron Parke, Jeremy Rudzik

Freshman H.R . 218, Mr. Murphy

Top Row: Chris Surelle, Chris Sjogren, Chris Scully, Greg Rivers, Matt Soojian

Middle Row: Dave Soiles, Sean Snee, John Sanderski, Paul Sawyer, Steve Schwartz

Bottom Row: Arthur Saboenjian, Alan Salnijou, Chris Rossignol, Mike Sangenario, Ben Scheiner

Missing: Matt Rocheleau, Garry Rosenfield, Peter Rugg, Ben Ryan, Andre Sauastano, Tom Scheffler, Rob Searle, Kinnell Shah, Peter Shilale, Mark Sklut, Mike Stanton, Greg Swank

Freshman H.R. 219, Mr. Williams

Top row: Trevor Wellen, Adam Tremarche, Steve Zecco William Walter, Charles Talbot, Jason Wade, Chris Trainor, David Wood, Matt Tieuli, Joe Vaudreuil, Sameer Taneja, Brian Titone, Neel Vora

Middle row: Christopher Wilde, Jonathan Tufts-Raymond, Dan Virgil, Brandon Williams, Tim Thrun, Tyler Sykes, Kevin Yamada, Ryan Turner

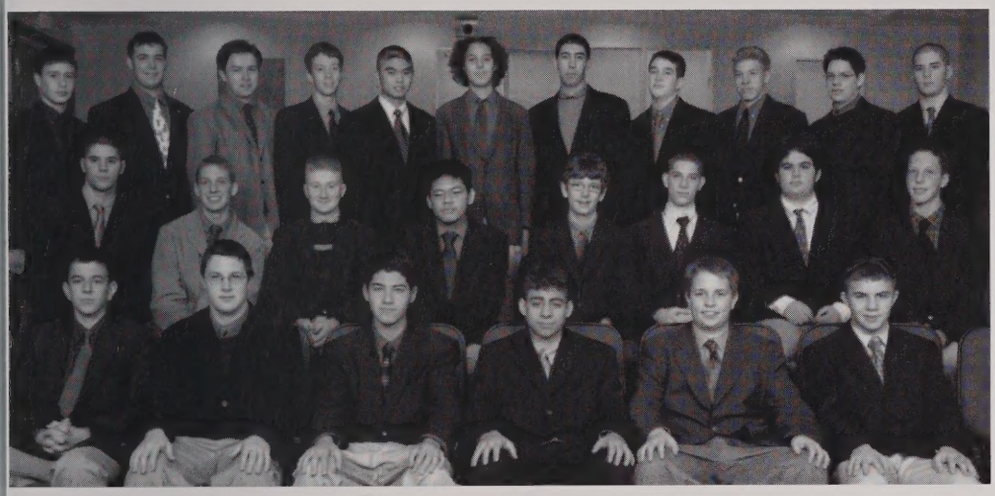
Front row: Kevin White, David Turnblom, Sean Wetherbee, Mason Tang, Kyle Tibbetts, Andrew Taylor

Sophomore H.R. 104, Mr. Smith

Top row: Francis Ball, Sal Barba, Aaron Bianco, Nick Binder, David Anderson, Miles Betley, Mike Alfego, Rishi Bawa, Eric Boyce, Kyle Bridgeo

Middle row: Andy Barhite, James Anthony, Jeff Billingham, Casey Biggins, John Blanchflower, Mark Ancona, Mike Allain, Matt Abraham

Front row: Brian Beahn, John Amorello, Scott Anctil, Matt Antaya, Jeff Bercume



Sophomore H.R. 501, Mr. McCluskey

Top row: Brendan Chartier, Domenic Cornacchioli, Adam Check, Andy Carruthers, Steve Chung, Chris Carey, Dennis Ciacilo, Pat Courbet, Andy Caola, Tom Busby, Casey Conserva.

Middle row: Correy Conserva, Pete Carney, Mike Coffin, Sidney Chanthavong, Cassidy Clark, John Cain, Nick Cappabianca, Andy Capite.

Bottom row: Brendan Cherry, Jim Cialdea, Adam Chin, Anthony Cerqueira, Daniel Carney, Joseph Cavaliere.

Sophomore H.R. 105, Ms. Morgan

Top Row: Peter Donnelly, Zachary Demma, Joseph Doyle, Peter Covino, Ryan Desaulniers, Noah DesRosiers, Daniel Davis, Peter Cox, Richard DiMatteo, Sean Cutting, Justin Dube, Sean Daly, Timothy Dean

Middle Row: Kevin Davis, Andrew Crowley, Michael Dolan, Colin Duarte, Joseph Curran, Daniel Donahue, John Dawson, Michael DiReda

Bottom Row: Bryan Donovan, Jacob Devereaux, Dan Cross, Steven Danley, Jacob DiGregorio, Ricky Doyon

Sophomore H.R. 112, Mr. Bolduc

Top row: James Egan, Nick Gallagher, Chris Foy, Dan Flood, Joe Fryer, Joe Garvey, Tom Ford, William Gagen, Andrew Fiorillo, Patrick Fiorillo

Middle row: James Foley, Michael Duggan, Peter Ferrarone, John Dubois, Mike Foley, Andrew Dumas, Jonathan Eddy, Chad Farrell

Front row: Dan Florin, Matt Duggan, Matt Fidler,Erik Foley, Matt Galvin, Joe Farese

Sophomore H.R. 204, Mr. DiBenedetto

Top Row: Sam Guidi, Ross Hieneman, Ian Howes, Phil Hammel, Naveen Jane, Jake Hardy, Will Hetzler, Mike Gentile, Ryan Ginand, Matt Hanlon, Robert Heald

Middle Row: Tim Gainn, Ed Hernandez, Jason Gaskell, John Hammer, Dan Govoni, Ben Horrigan, Chris Harvey, Brendan Hendricks

Bottom Row: Ken Gurge, Ian Holgan, Brian Gesusse, Tony Genna, Tarang Gosalia, Mike Genna

Sophomore H.R. 214, Mr. Marsan

Top row: Mark Leighton, Bryan Lajoie, Rusty Johnson, Jeremy Link-Lalonde, Michael Lees, Matt Johnson, Dan Little, Matt Lavigne

Middle row: Ryan Levins, Matt Keeley, Jason Kahn, Pete Lauring, Matt Levesque, Gabriel King, Kyle Kilcoyne, Ed Lepage

Front row: Kurt Krull, Paul Leavens, Jason Lajoie, Andrew Lawrence, Mike Lauring, Andrew King

Sophomore H.R. 213, Mr. Clark

Top row: Tom Metzmaker, Bryce McNamee, Cory McLoughlin, Dan McEleney, Andy McLaren, James McGillicuddy, Tom Mangan, Pat McKiernan, Matt Metcalf, Jason Merryman, Chris Mariani

Middle row: Ryan Massad, Jay Merrill, Chris McKenna, Andy Maher, Ryan McCaffrey, Keith Lyon, Casey McDonald, Adam Matson

Front row: Jon McCarthy, Greg Matthews, Dan Logee, Andrew Loach, Chris Lyon, Chris Manchester

Sophomore H.R. 302, Mr. Wood

Top row: Robert O'Hearn, Greg Michon, Charlie O'Connor, Mark Ozarowski, Bryan O'Donnell, Joe O'Connell, Ray Monroe, Ben Monroe, Andrew Nute, Mike O'Keefe, Dan Moynaugh

Middle row: Rory O'Connor, Mario Muto, Tom O'Keefe, Justin Miller, Dave Owens, Mark Mooradian, Jordan Noonan

Front row: Nishal Nadig, Joel Norton, Abdullah Nizamani, Duy Nyguen , Brendan Orino, Sam Osbourn

Sophomore H.R. 303, Mr. Lane

Top row: Ross Pentland, Jack Reilly, Andrew Preusse, Mike Pieniazek, Garrett Peterson, Dan Pilon, Matt Palmgren, Pete Rano, Adam Pendleton, Rob Prior

Middle row: John Rocheleau, John Rice, Michael Park, Shashin Patel, Joe Perro, Ian Riel, Mike Paquette, Alex Putnam

Front row: Jimmy Pignataro, Tom Quinn, Rob Powers, John Rodier, Alex Parr, Dan Padilla

Sophomore H.R. 402, Mr. Nicole

Top row: Brad Shoemaker, Tim Stalmok, Mark Soojian, Andrew Soloperto, Dan Semenuk, Dan Shaw, Chris Spek, Mark Soloperto, James Schofield, Leland Scanlon, Stephen Shea, James Savage

Middle row: Joe Shortsleeve, Ben Simmons, Matt Silva Sa, J.P. Rossi, Dan Sullivan, Geoffrey Stoker, Sean Russo, Ben Saviet

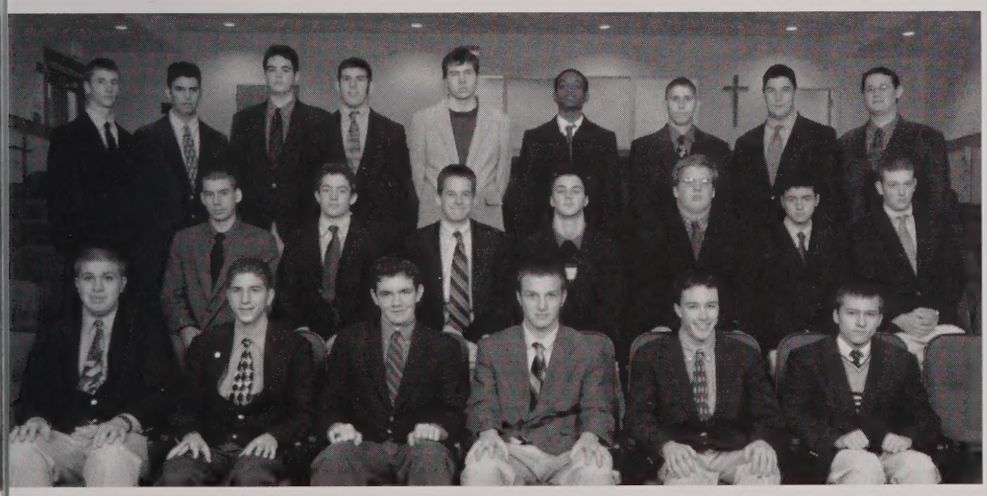
Front row: Kunal Shah, Mike Schwartz, Shobit Singla, Tim Savas, Aqeel Siddiqui, Matt Sanko

Sophomore H.R. 404, Mr. Monroe

Top Row: Kevin Thomas, Rob Young, Christopher Zagami, Richard Synkoski, Michael Wholey, Demetrios Toufas, Zack White, Evan Violette, Joe Vallee

Middle Row: Andrew Tsitsilianos, Edward Swiderski, Christopher Woodman, Paul Trimby, Chris Young, Chris Zimmerman, Michael Susienska, Jaycee Ward

Bottom Row: Robert Wiley, Mike Syslo, Patrick Yess, Nick Tsamis, Joshua Villa, Steven Wu



Junior H.R. 216, Ms. Pennington

Top row: Alex Alward, Nick Amorello,Kieth Amelin, Elias Atamian, Mike Brantl, Ojeiku Aisiku, Jeremy Barrett, Alex Brench, Jason Boucher

Middle row: Adam Belanger, Brad Baldelli, Jon Atchue, Jean-Marc Aubuchon, Dan Bailey, Carlo Bonci, Todd Bonner

Front row: Mike Behn, Chris Aversa, John Bianchi, Ken Bergeron, Geoff Arnold, Demitri Balabonov

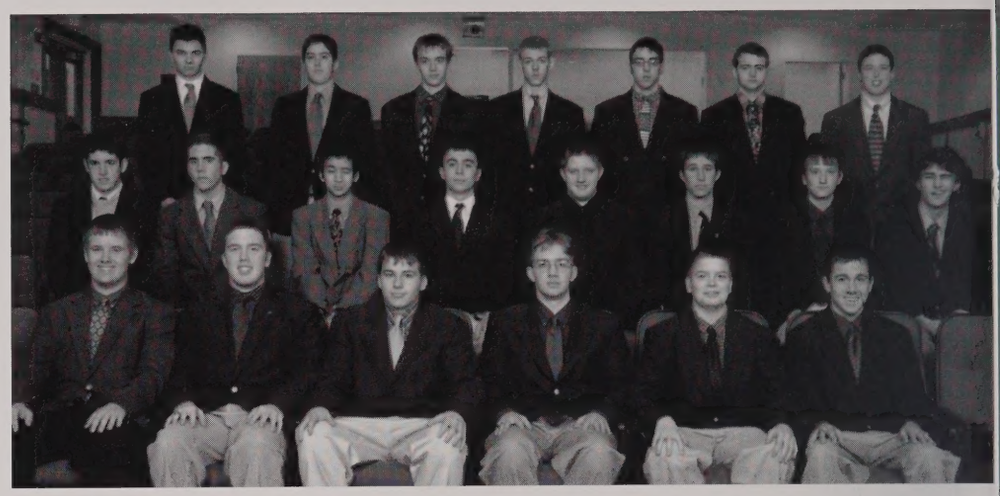
Junior H.R.108, Mr.Laborde

Top Row: Thomas Carroll, Michael Campbell, Matthew Caulkins, Neil Buskey, Michael Clark, Dennis Burke, Daniel Brown

Middle Row: Willian Cahill, Ryan Champlin, Robert Clark, Peter Capomacchio, Brett Bugnacki, Alexander Bury, Jeffrey Cole, Taylor Clark

Front row: Anthony Campanale, Peter Brennan, Brian Cariglia, Jonathan Carelli, Brian Brotherton, John Cantlin

Missing: Patrick Brenner, William Brunell, Adam Carlson, Benjamin Casey



Junior H.R.206, Mr. Ermilio

Top row: Tim Curley, Patrick Corr, Matt Darcy, Luke De Ciccio, Rich Coleman, Greg Cristafulli, Mike Collins

Middle row: Chris Cotter, Domenic Covello, Phil Demers, Anthony D'Amico, Troy Coverstone, Jared Curry, Craig DiGiovanni, Dan Colletti

Front row: Sean Desjardins, Ken Depasse, Brett Davis, Matt Demers, Matt DiPierro, Eric Cotton

Junior H.R. 207, Mrs. Curran

Top Row: James Fraser, Sean Fraser, Sean Doherty, Mike Forman, Ben Dohrety, Brendan Doherty, Andrew Farwell, Colin Doyle, Brian Foley, Dave Falcone

Middle Row: John Downing, Jeff Eke, Zack Eddy, Ben Dumas, Tim Faber, Matt Dumas, Eric Forrest

Front row: Corey Everett, John Fink, Jason Falamino, Jeff Duggan, Joel Faure, Tim Dustin

Junior H.R.300, Mr. LeBaron

Top row: Chris Goff, Ian Hancock, Tyler Ingum, Ryan Guilfoyle, Matt Griffin, Steve Frendl, Rob Hanlon, Kevin Gleason, Mike Hanlon

Middle row: Joe Hurley, Brett Hultgren, Jeff Hudson, C.J. Grenier, Darren Helstowski, Andrew Hippert, Brian Freniere, Andrew Halloran

Front row: Kevin Goldstein, James Gambino, Mike Iuso, Artie Gibree, Chris Guyer, Sebastian Hutchinson

Junior H.R. 301, Mr. Hastings

Top row: Pat Landers, Mike Jencks, Andrew Jackson, Matthew Kay, Sam Kenary, Brian Kennedy, Rahul Jain, Joe Lalos, Chris Kelleher, Ethan Johnson. Brett Kubiak

Middle row: William Langlois, Justin Latino, Ryan Kelly, Harrison Karg, Chris Johnson, John Kneeland, Nick Krouse, James Kelly.

Front row: Donovan Kendall, Adam Jarret, Chuck Liddell, Frank Jackson, Austin Joyce, Chris Kasabula

Junior H.R. 401, Mr. Aristide

Top row: Tom McSherry, Brandon Meszaros, James Marois, Ryan McCarthy, James Mayshar, Steve Metzger, Brendan McGuire

Middle row: Vasilis Miosiadis, Michael May, Kene Mgbojikwe, Patrick Logan, Alex Mihalich, Tom McGinn, Evan Maloney, Matt Moran

Front row: Brendan Mahoney, Ryan Matson, Rob Maurice, Peter McManus, Patrick McGowan, Mike McNamara

Junior H.R. 403, Ms. Copp

Top row: Matt Nigro, Andrew Murphy, Sean Murphy, Todd Nichols, Mike Neiduski, Ryan Ollis, Ryan Murphy, Mike Pashko, Joe Morrissey, Kevin O'Connell, Scott O'Reilly

Middle row: Ben Nelson, Jeff Murphy, John Pakaluk, Chris Moussa, Brendan Neschke, Nick Murphy, Matt Pepin, Rob Morel

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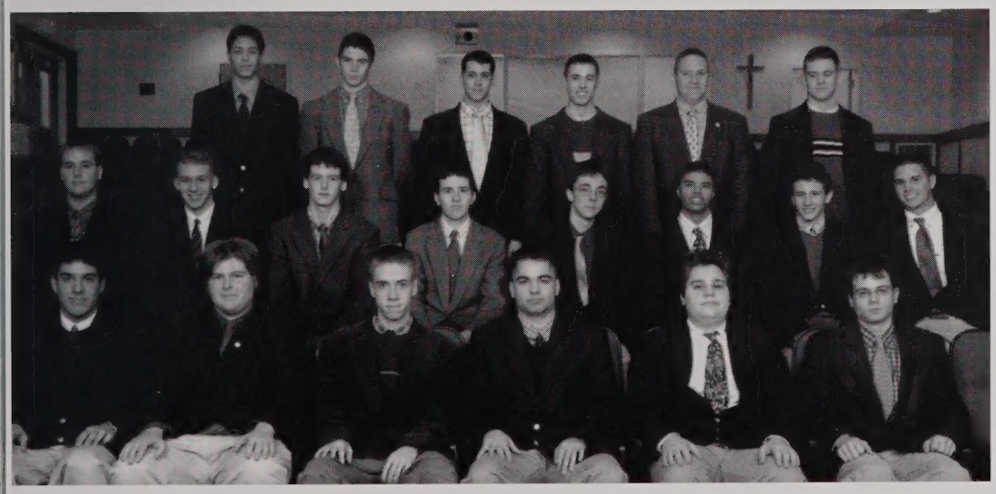


Junior H.R. 405, Mr.Vivanco

Top row: Mike Richardson, Henry Ruggerio, Joseph Russo, Chris Rocheleau, Ben Pultorak, Mike Sjogren

Middle row: David O'Shea, George Simone, Patrick Scanell, Pat Remington, Brian Richards, Mike Raymond, Mark Seibold, John Salois

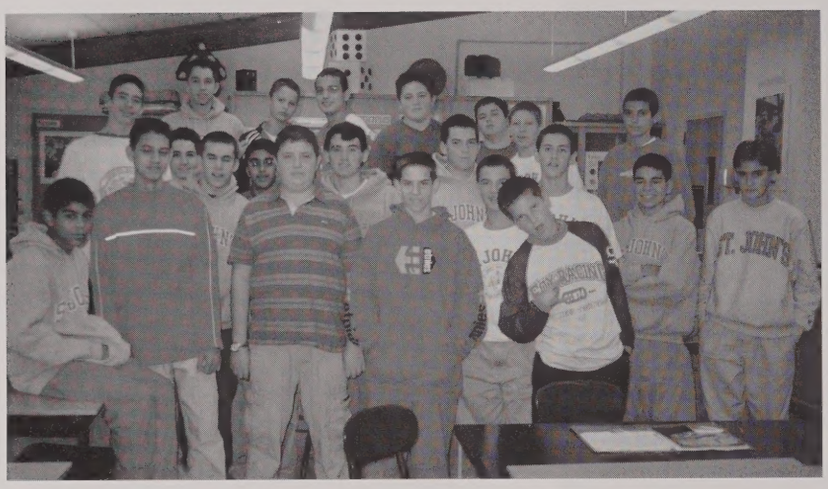
Front row: Mike Pepin, Liam Powers, Mike Slocomb, Mark Scola, Nathan Reich, Matt Savas

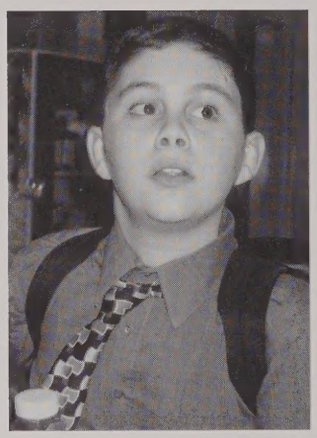
Junior H.R. 505, Mr. James

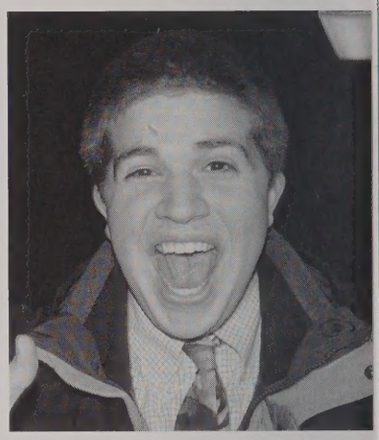
Top row: William Visser, Andrew Stone, Kyle Tierney, Mike Trainor, Nick Stoica, Gregory Wheeler, Eric Sweeney, Garrett Wentzell, Brian Watrous

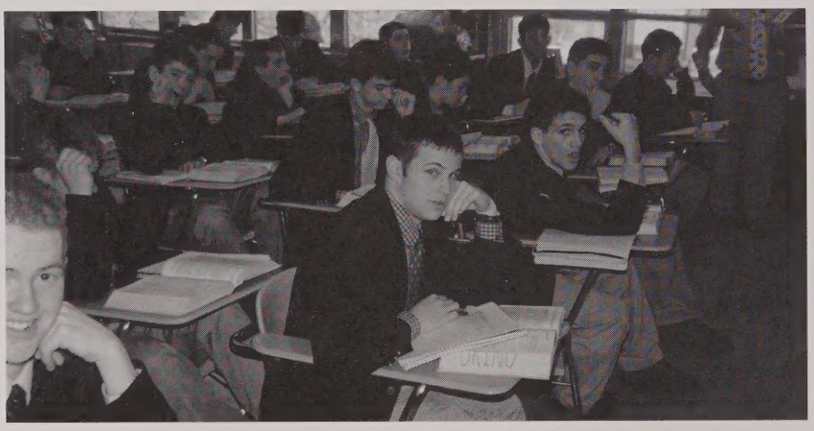
Middle row: Brian St.Denis, David Vitello, Ryan Tibbetts, Jacob Smith, Mike Sullivan, Ben Tamker, Paul Vizzo, Sam Zammarelli

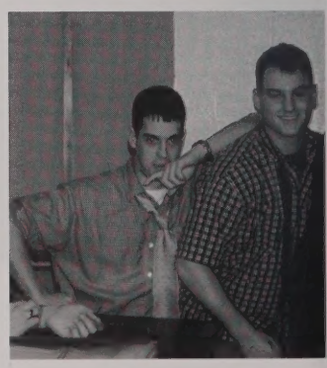
Front row: Joseph Wong, Justin Slotnik, Casey Spencer, Bryan Stefancyk, Matt Sullivan, Jonathan Stadig











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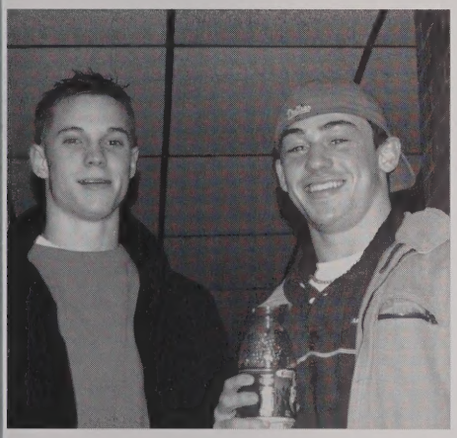

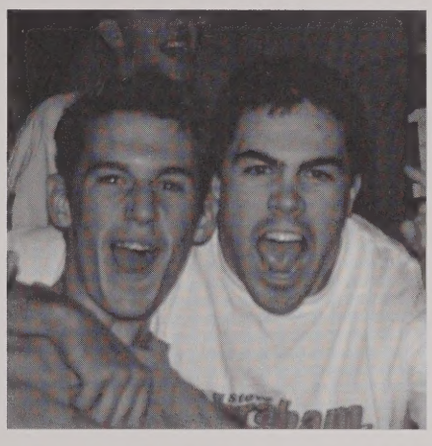

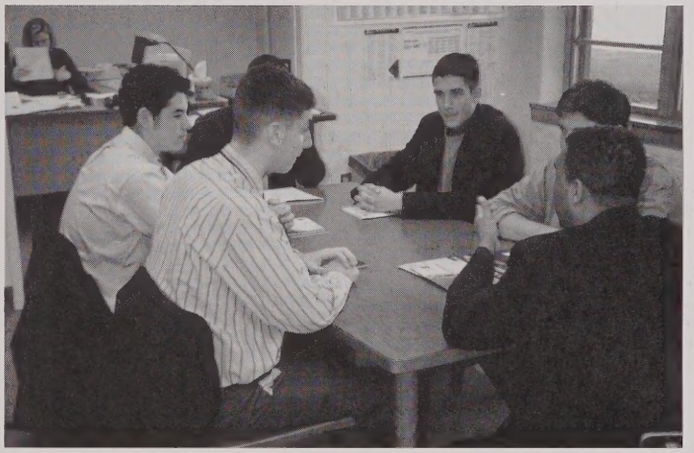

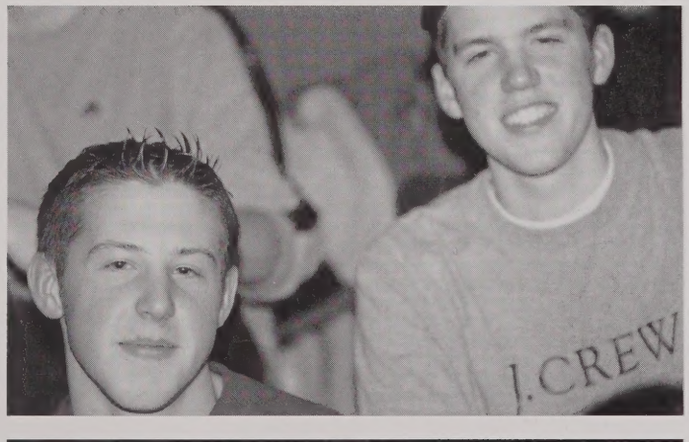
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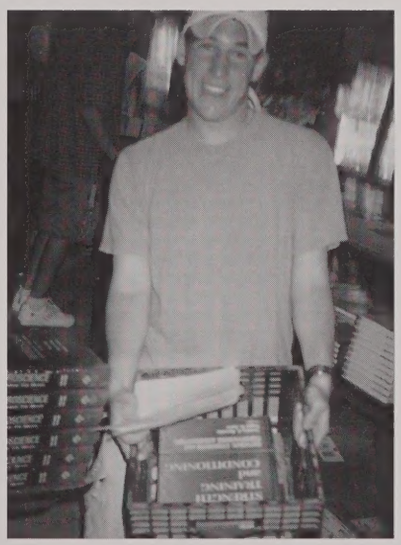

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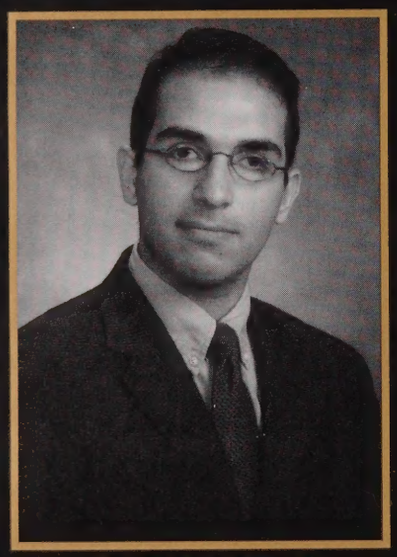

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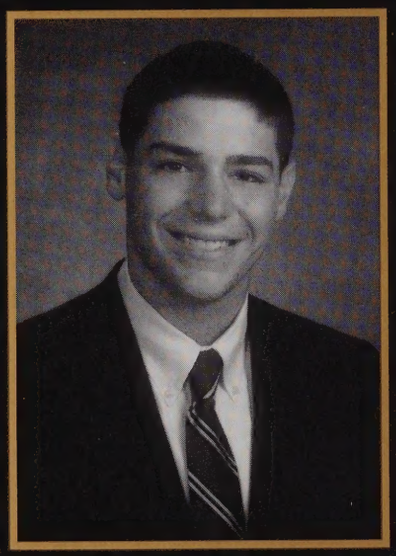

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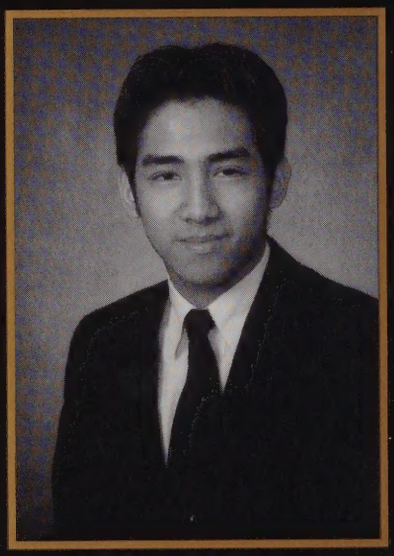

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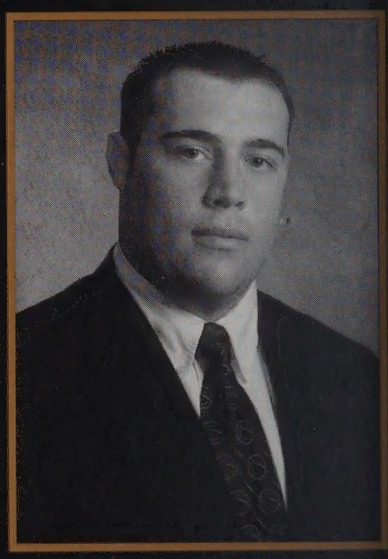

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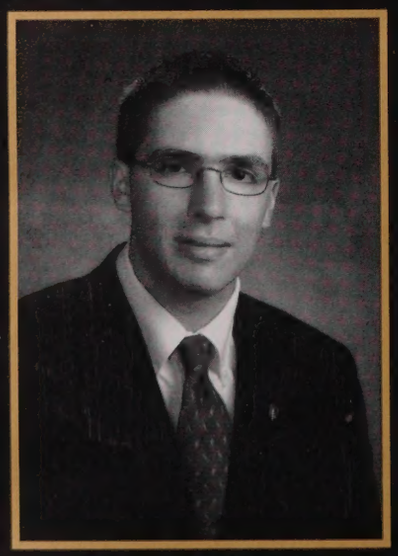

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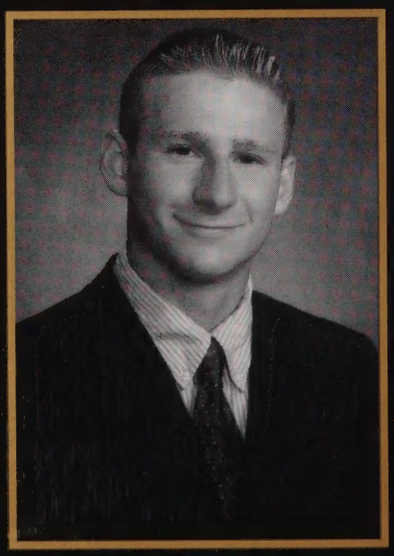

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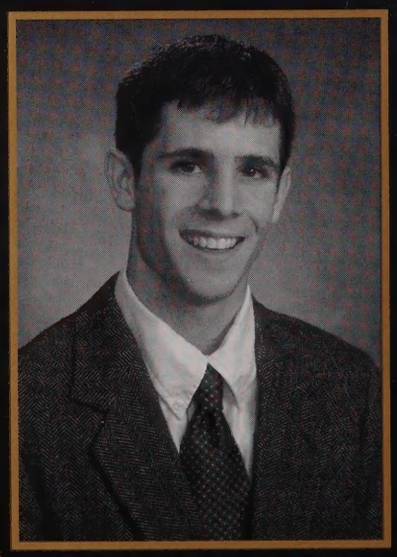

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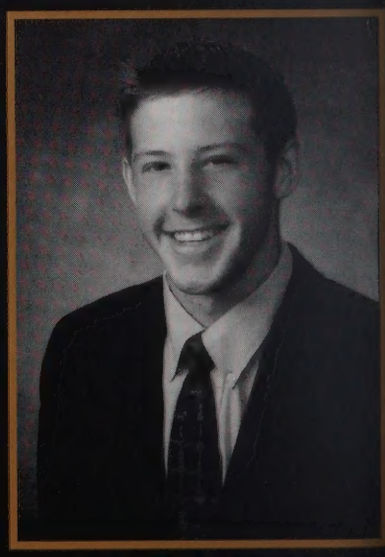

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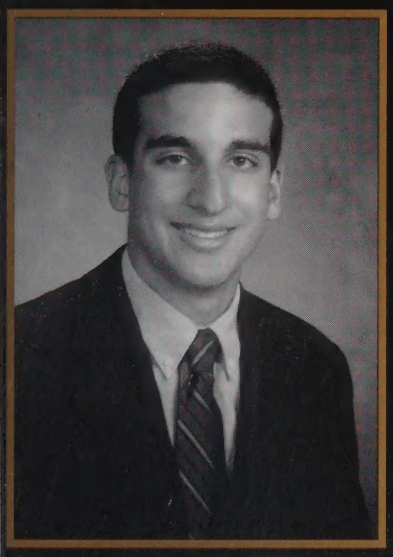

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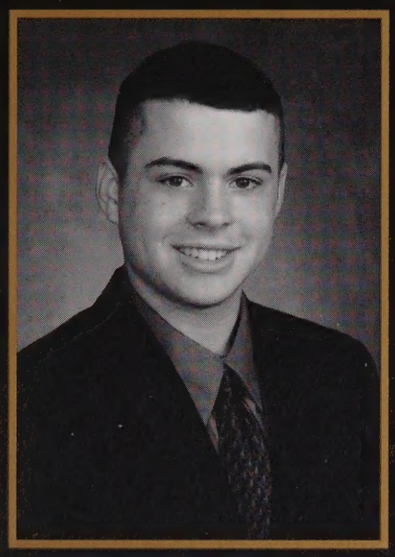

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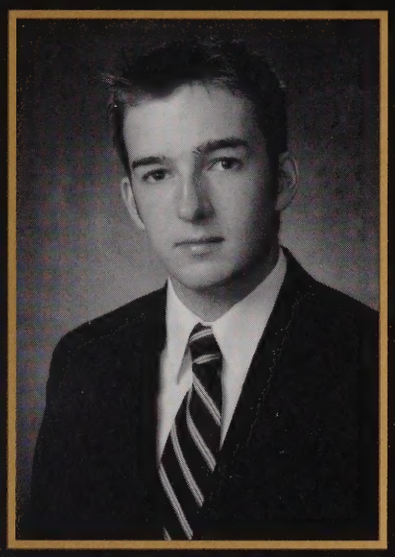

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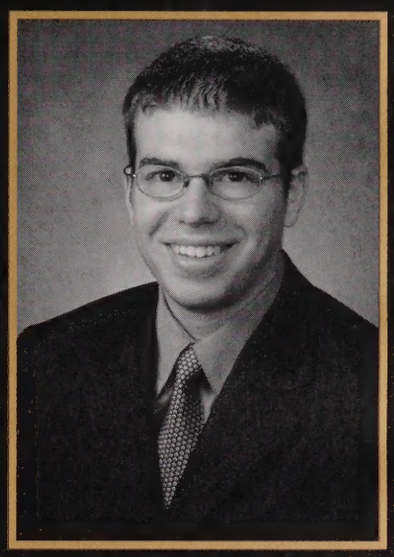

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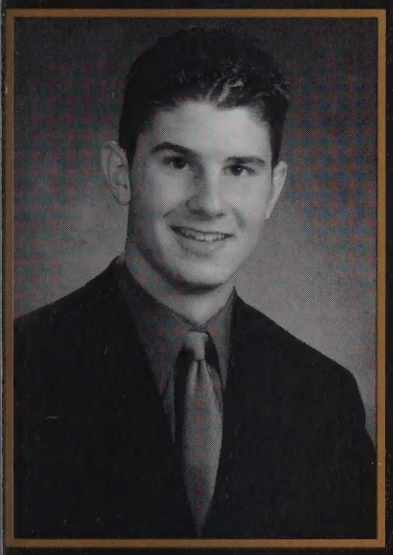

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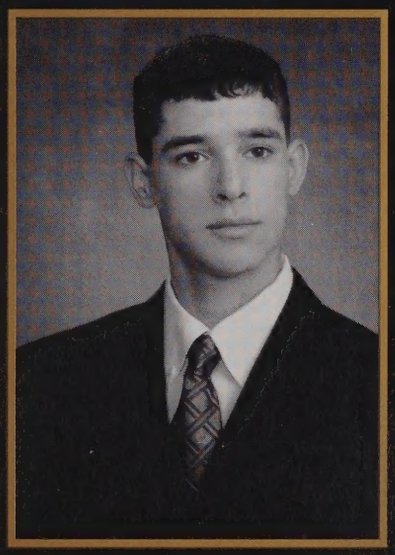

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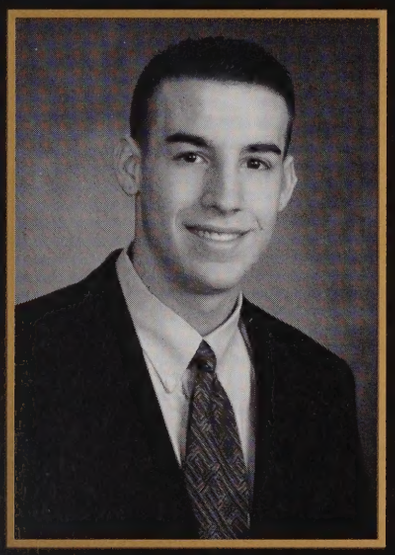

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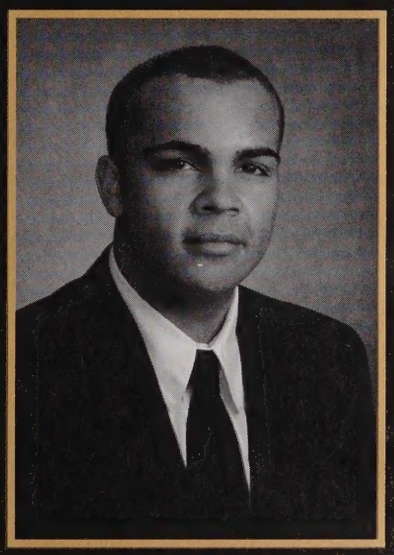

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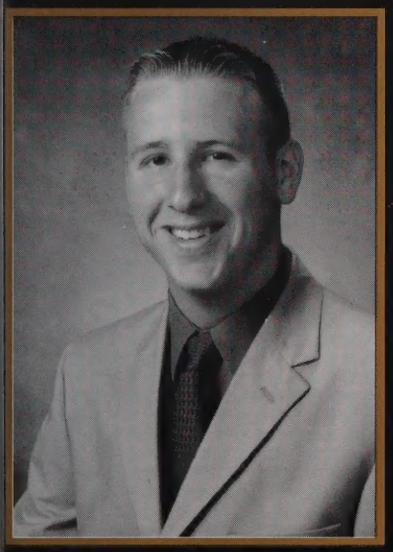

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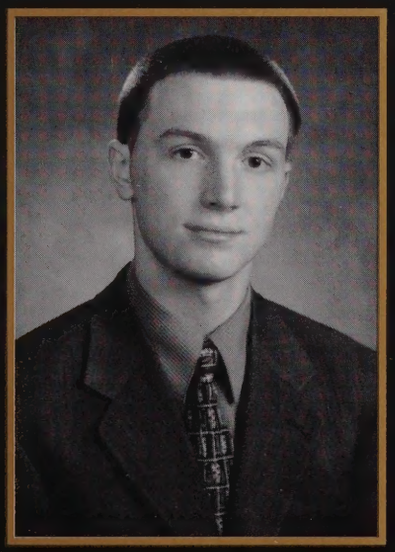

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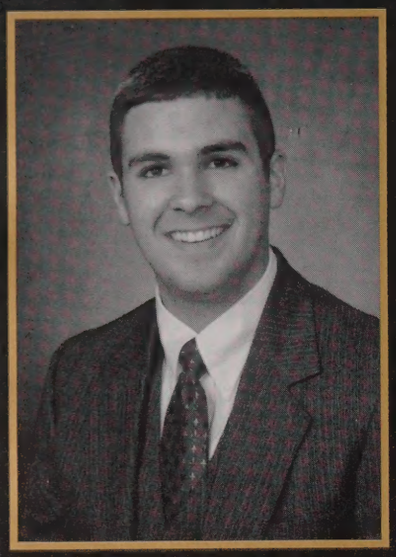

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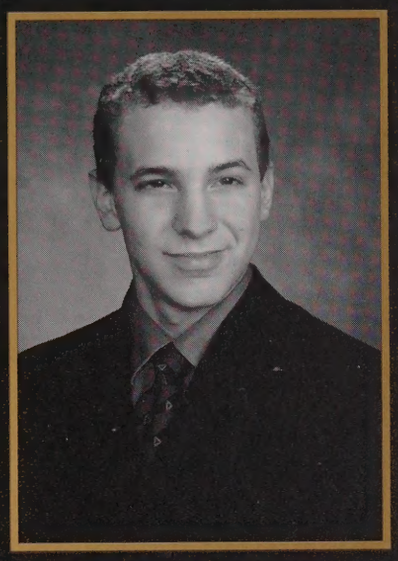

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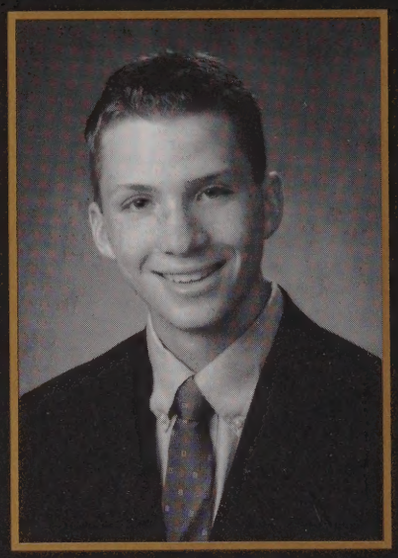

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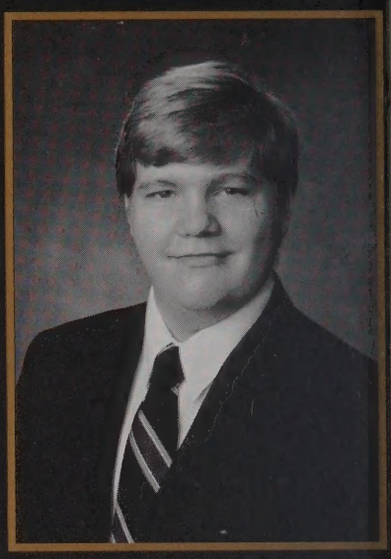

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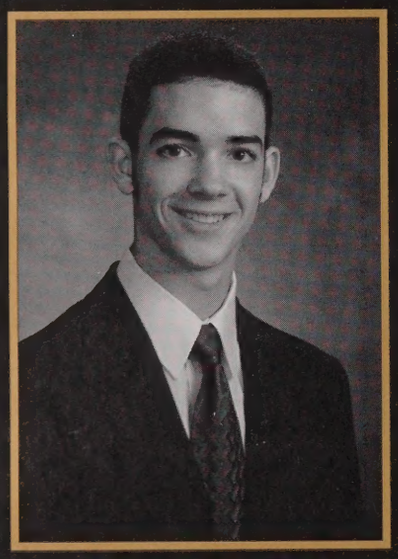

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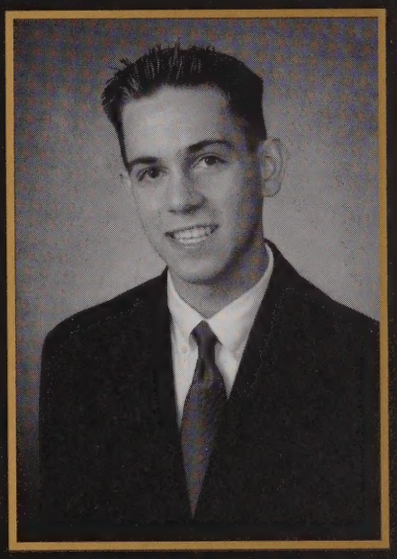

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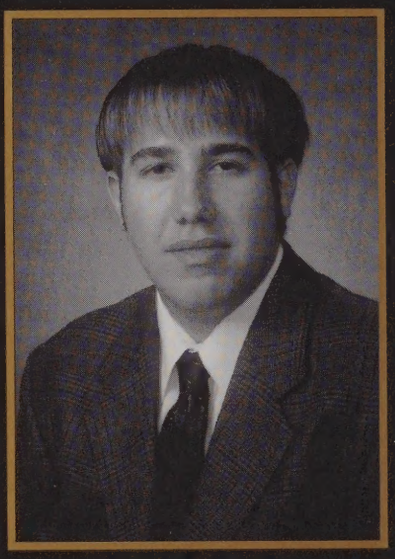

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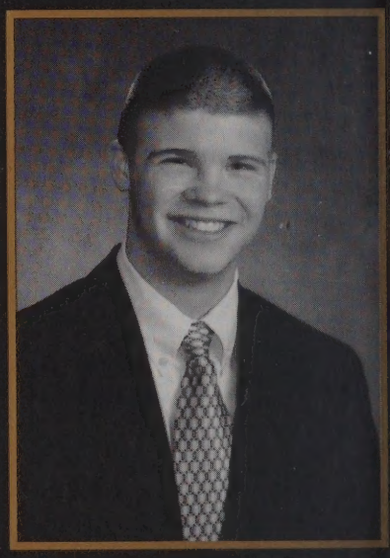

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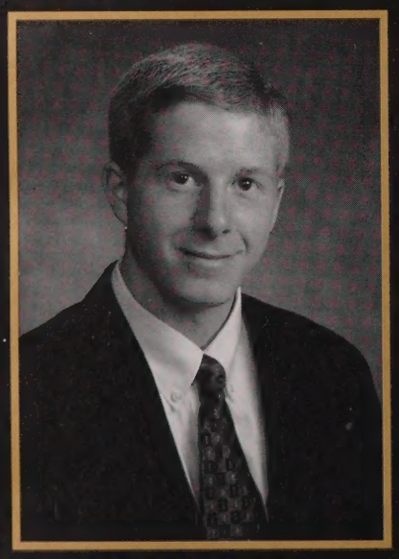

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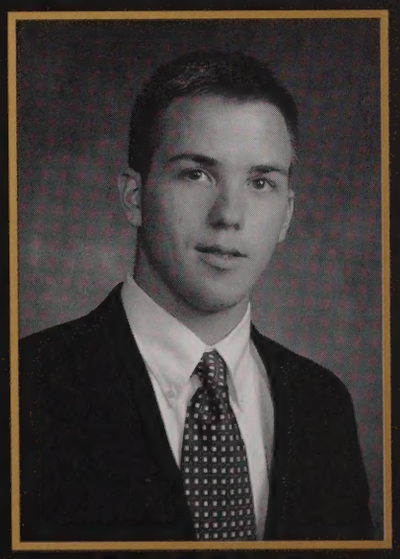

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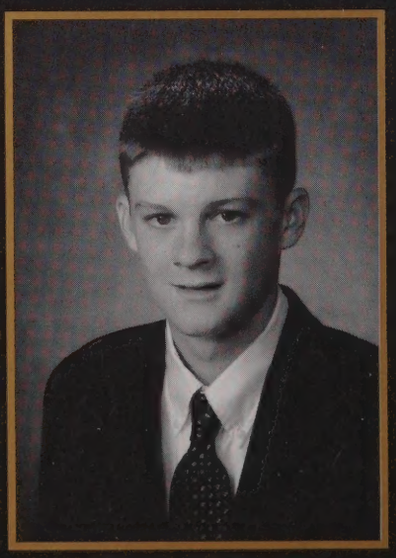

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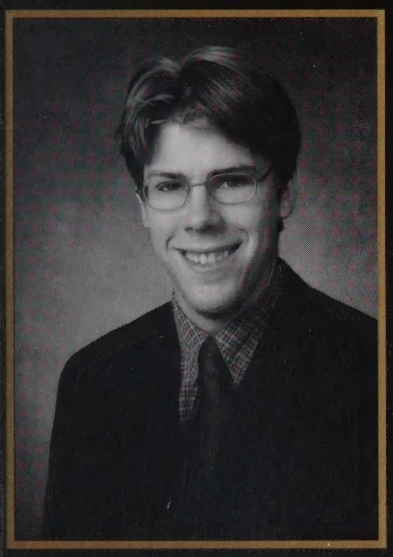

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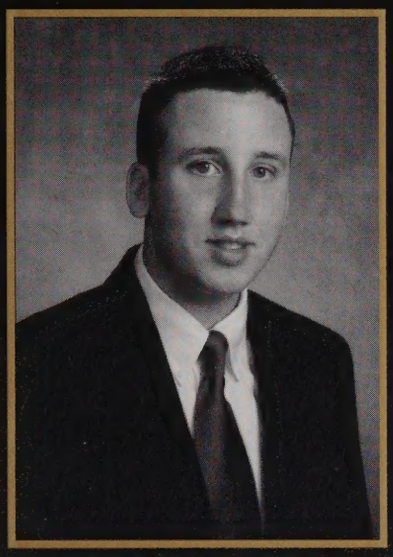

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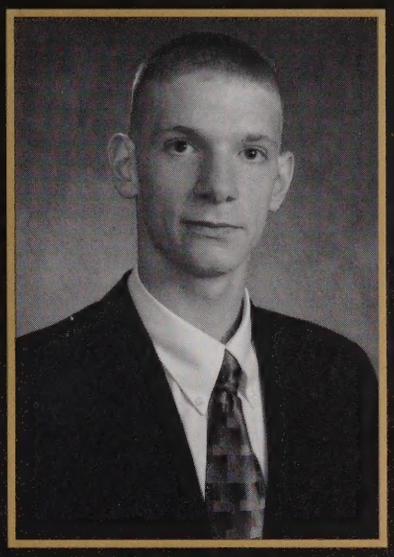

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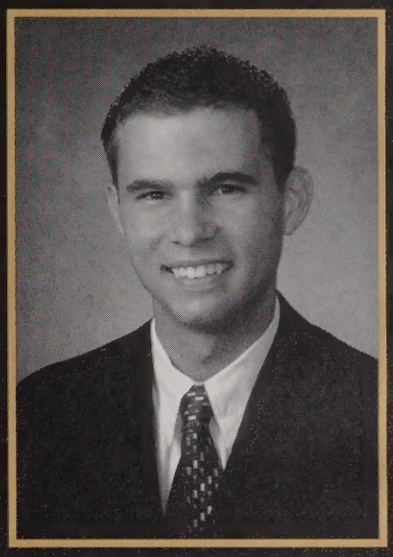

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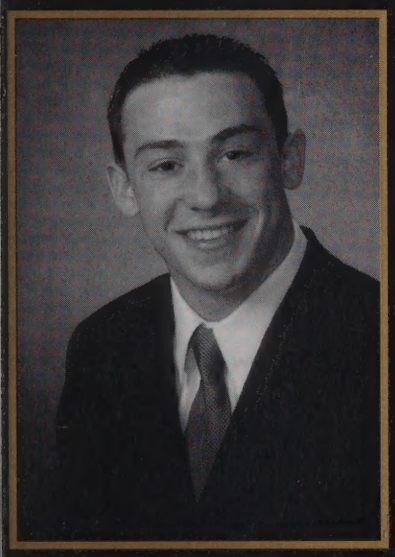

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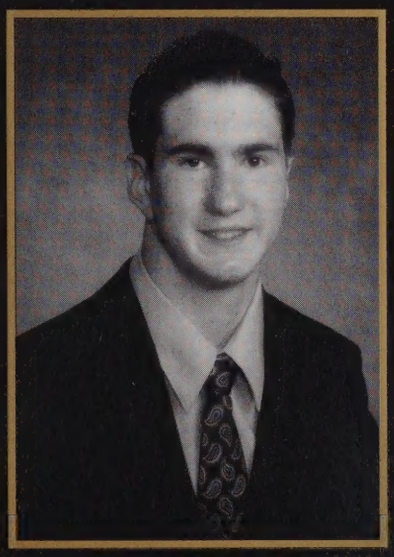

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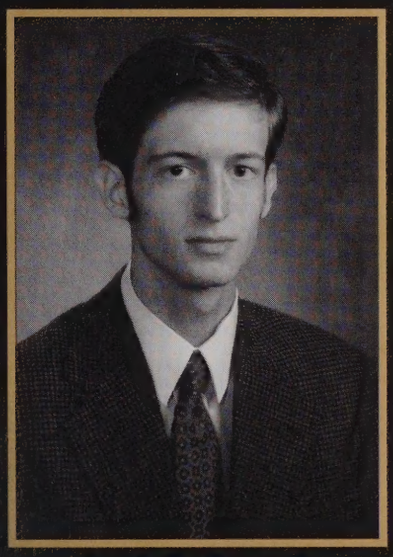

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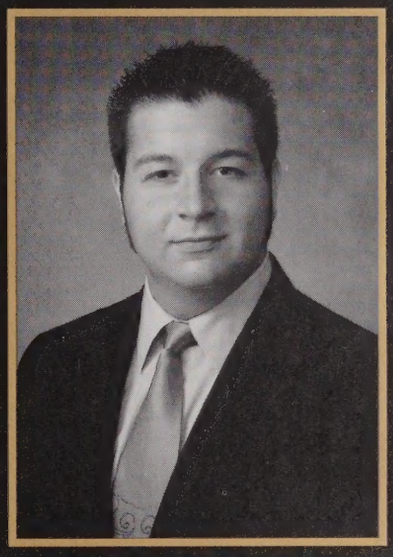

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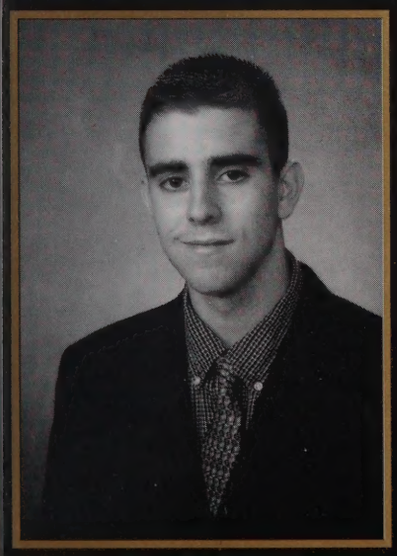

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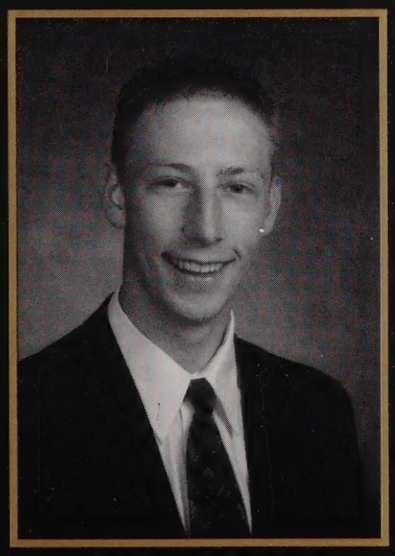

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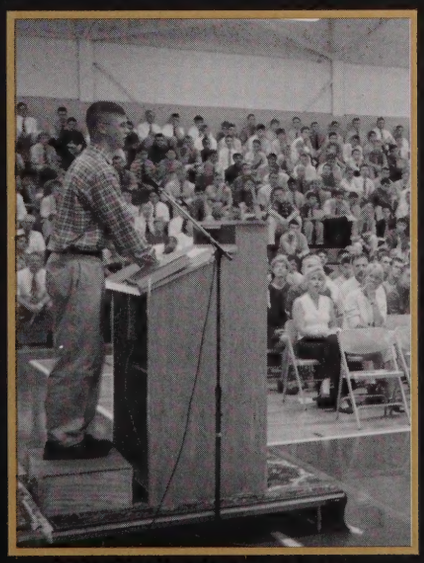

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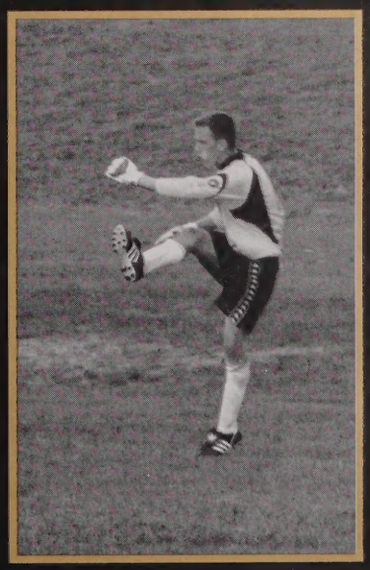

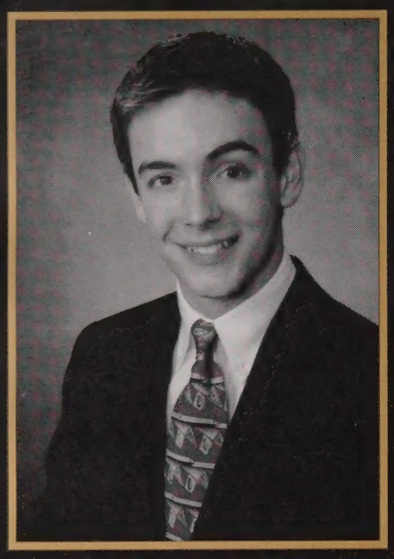

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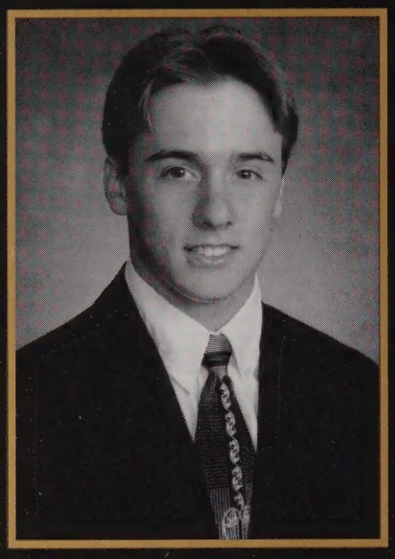

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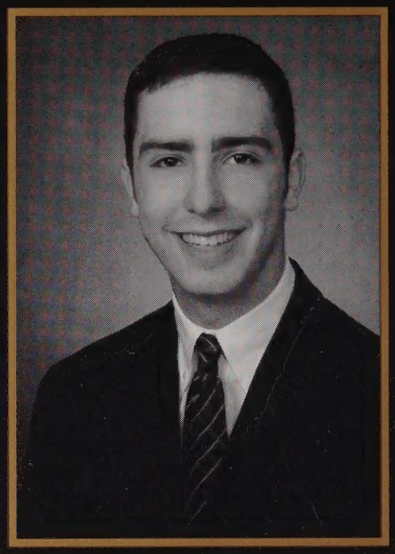

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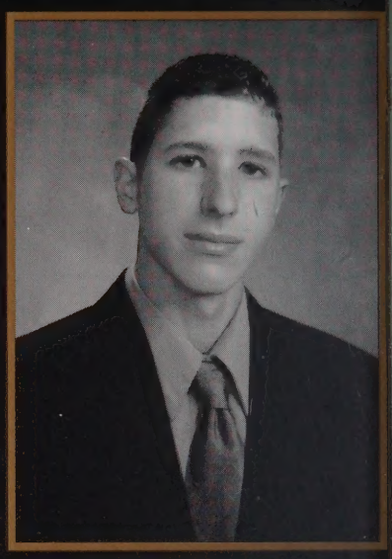

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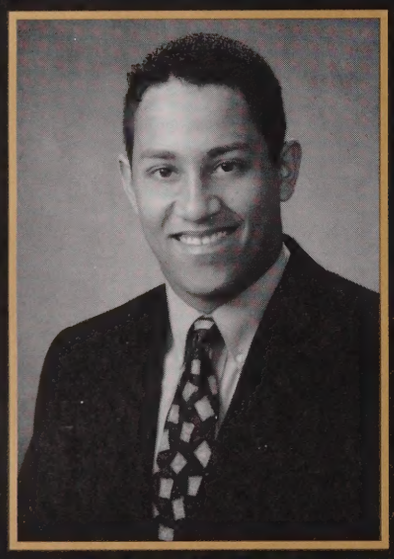

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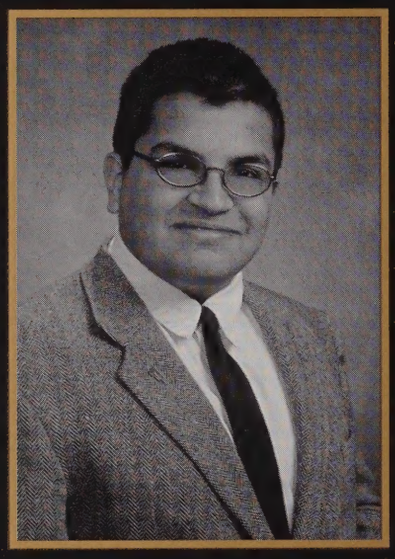

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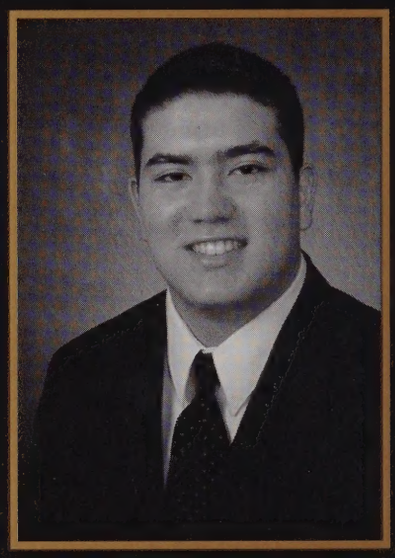

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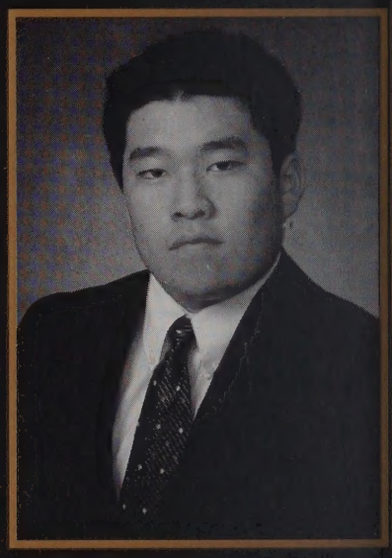

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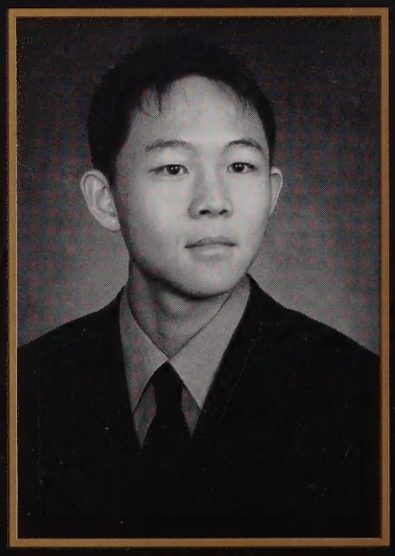

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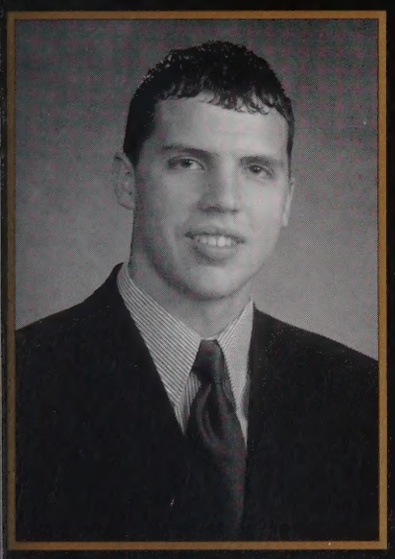

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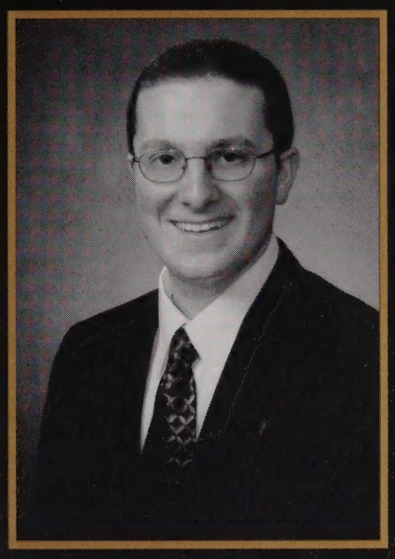

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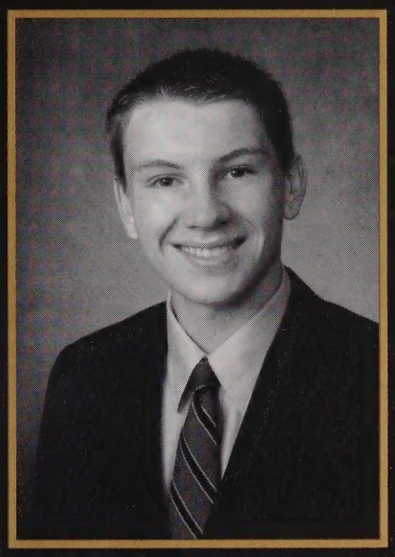

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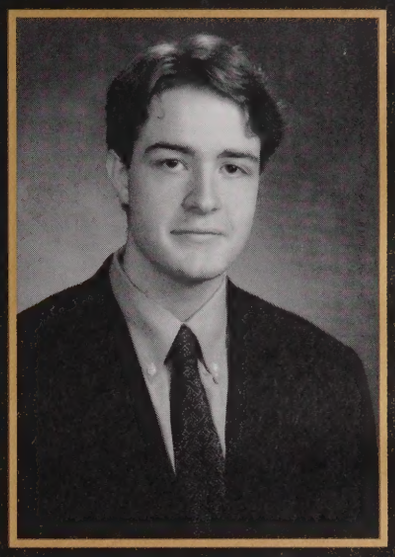

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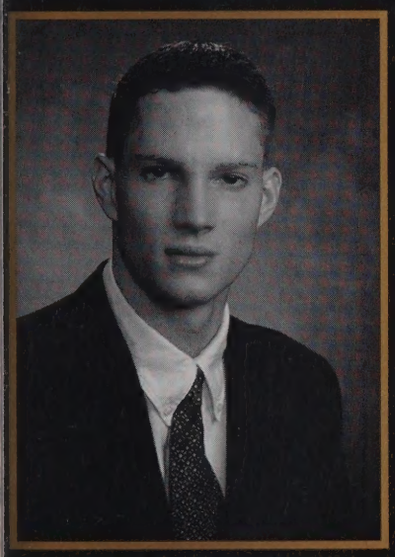

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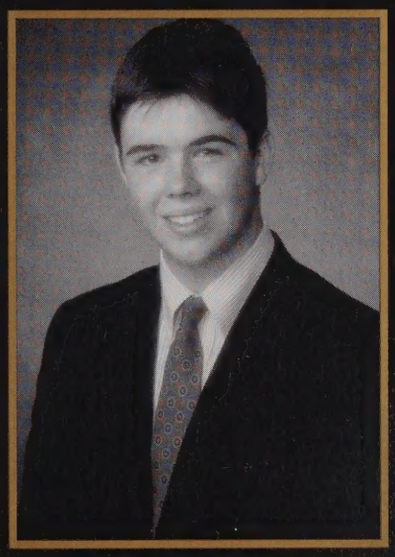

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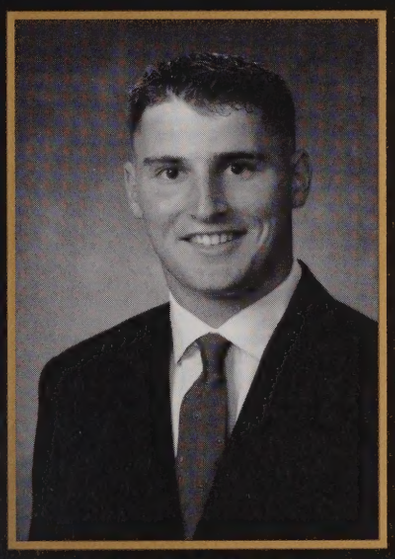

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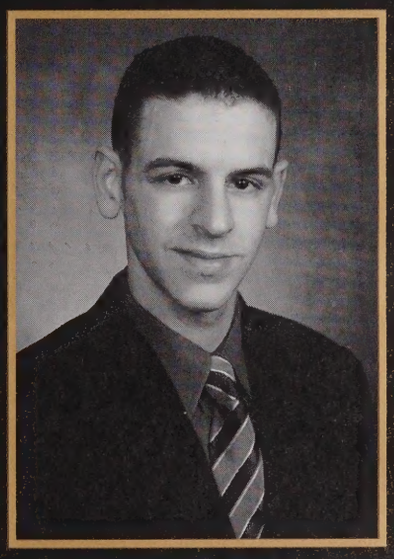

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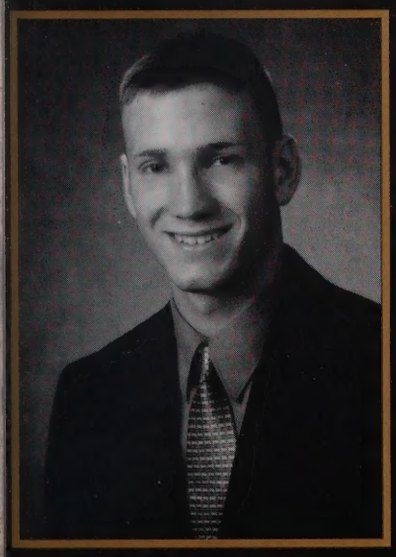

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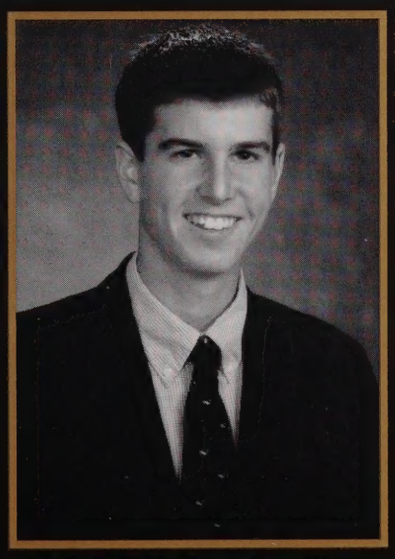

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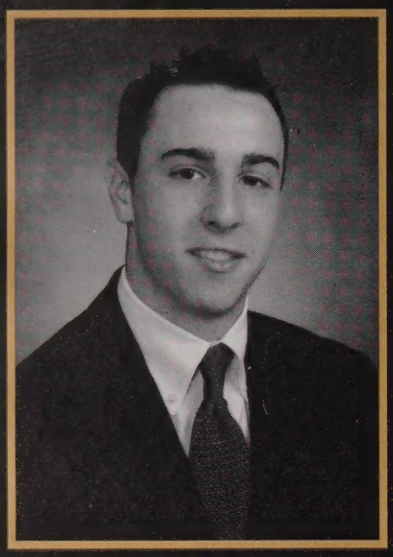
The boys of summer



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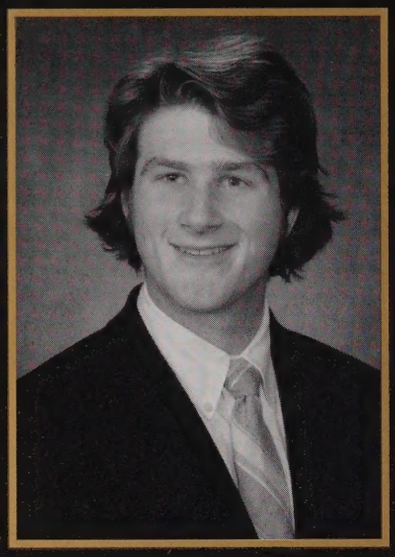

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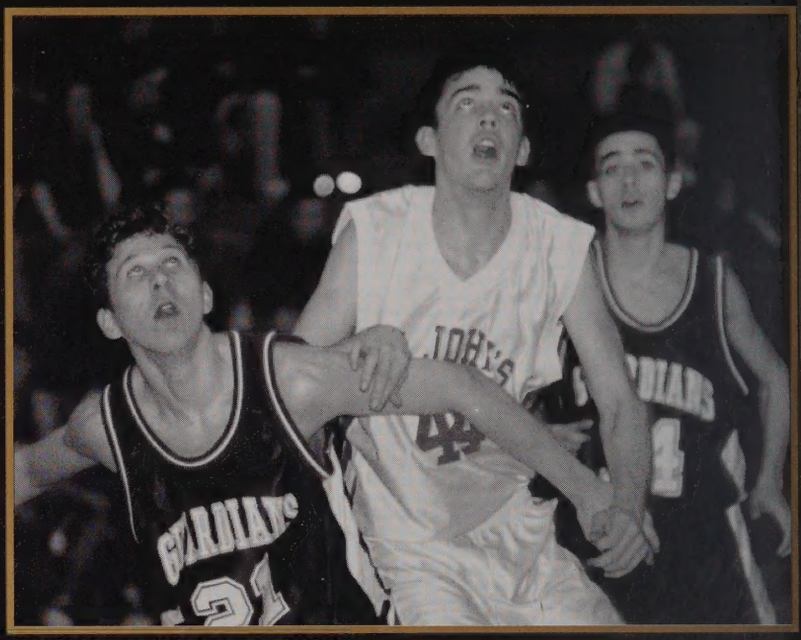

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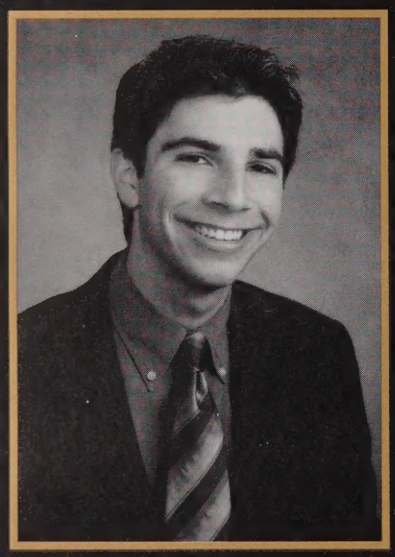

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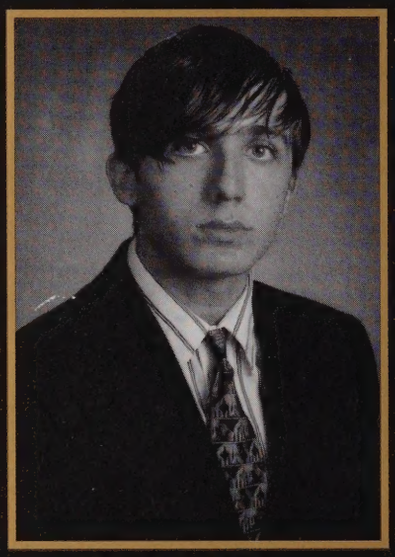

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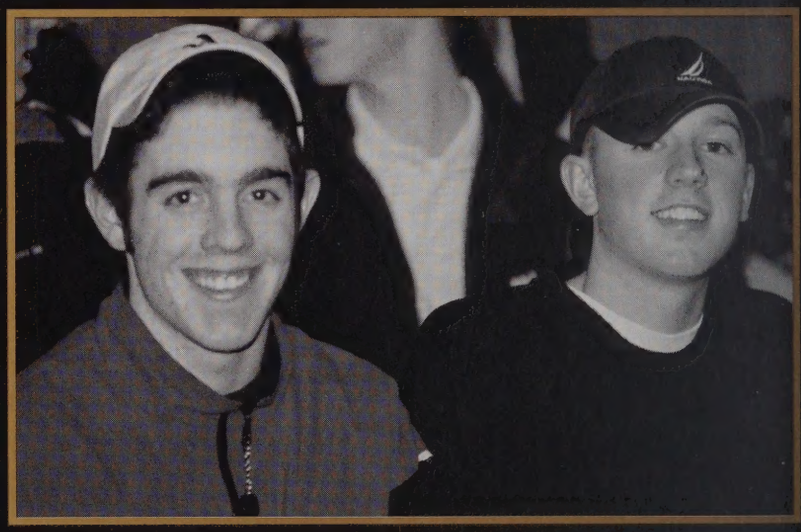

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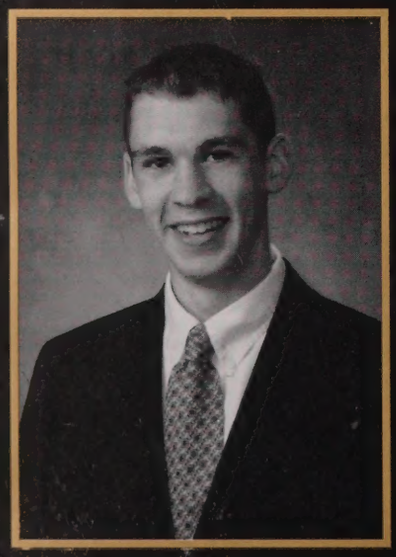

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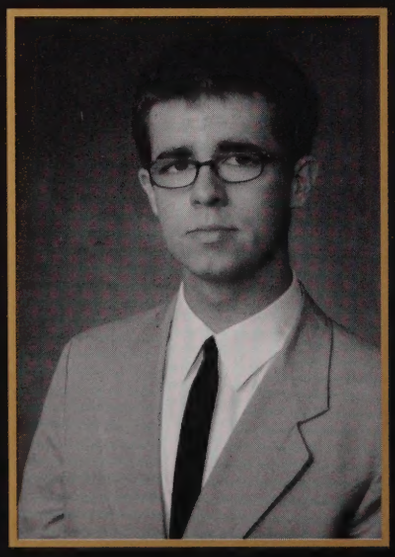

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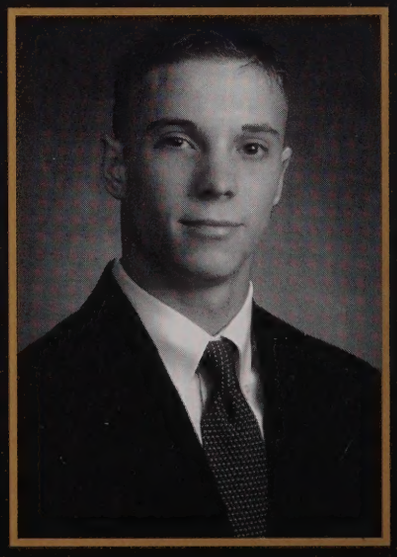

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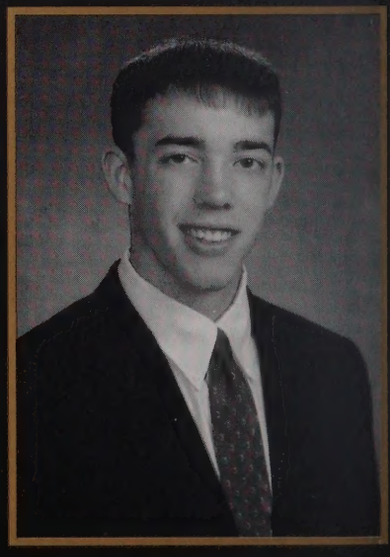

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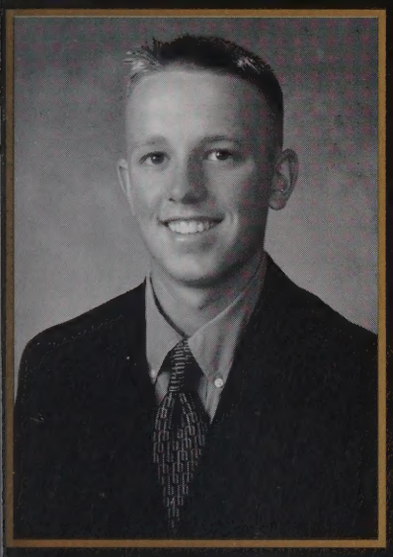

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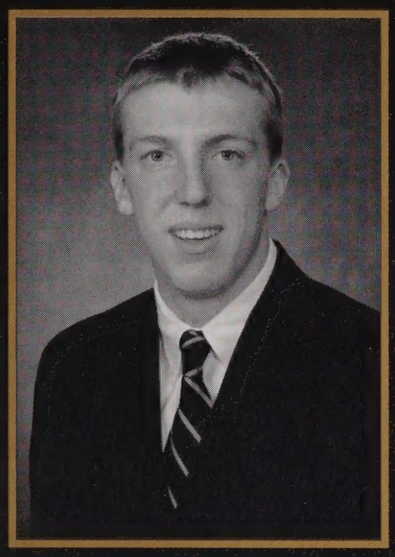

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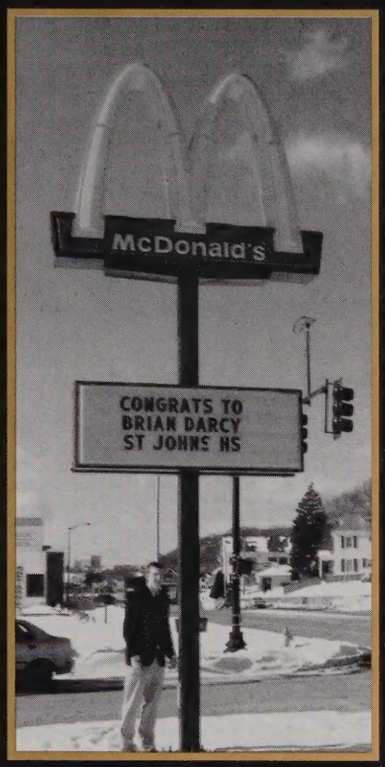

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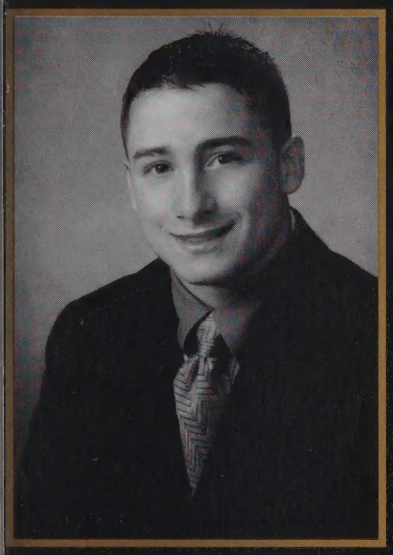

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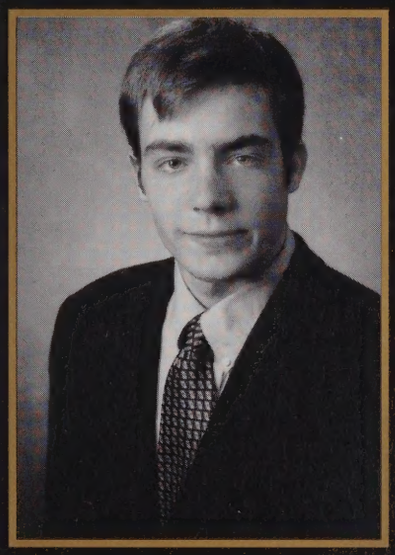

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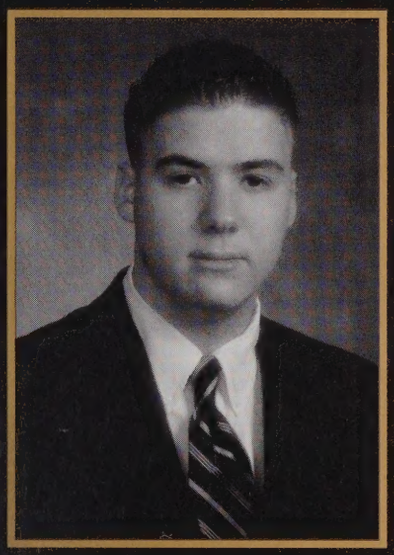

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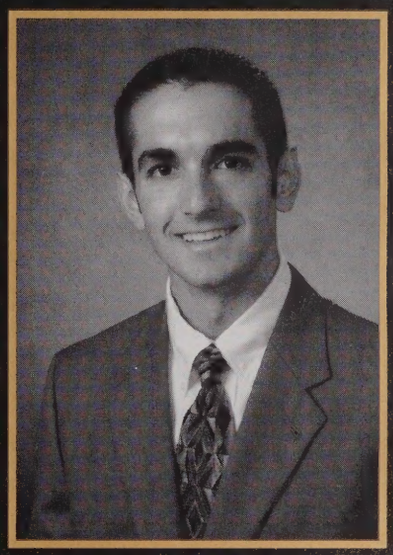

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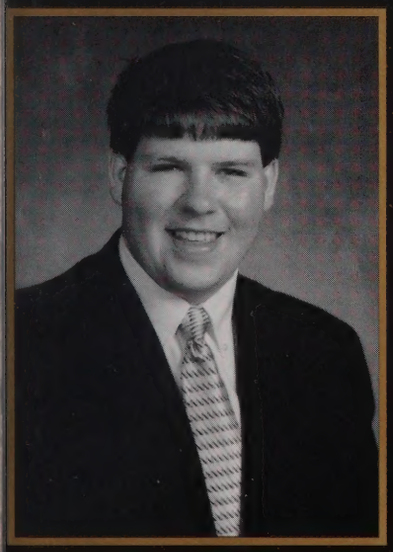

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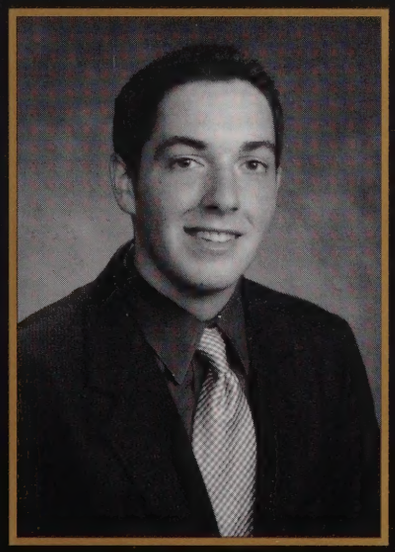

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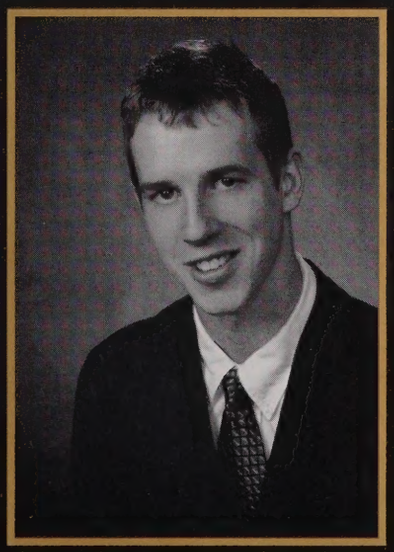

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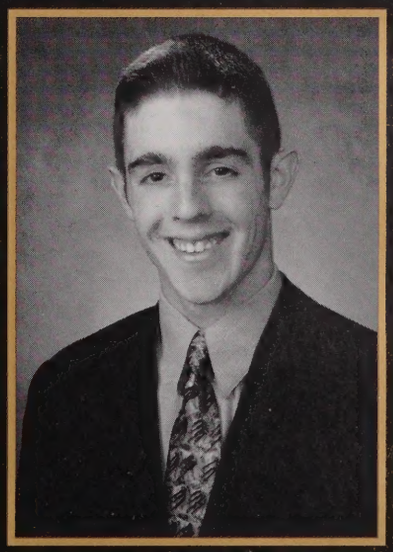

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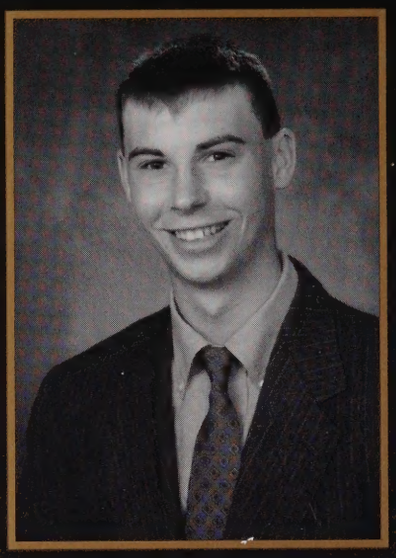

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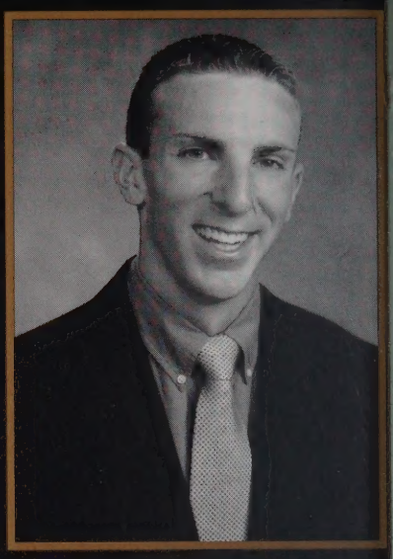

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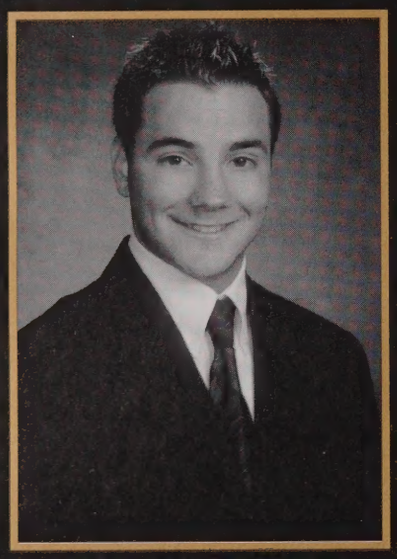

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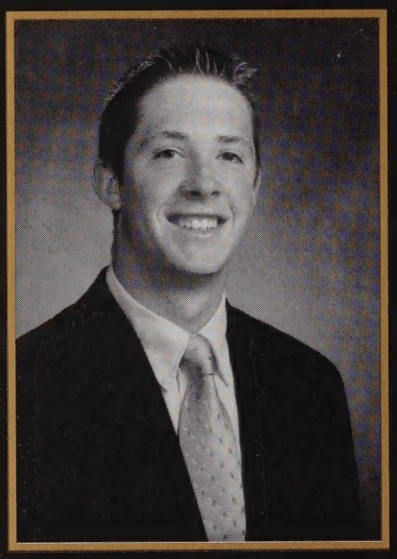

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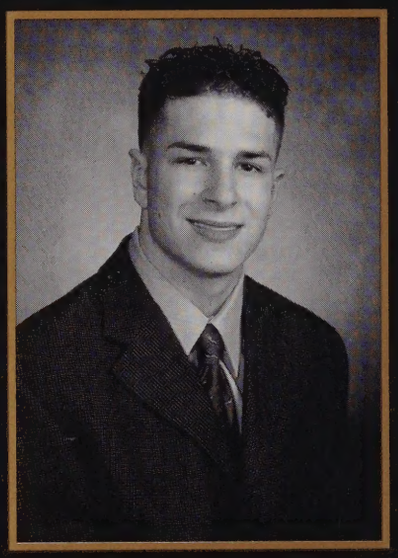

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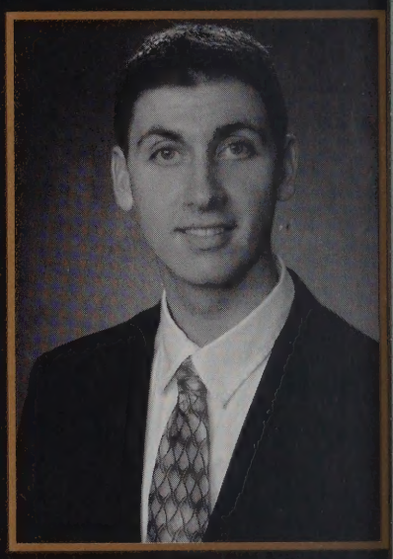

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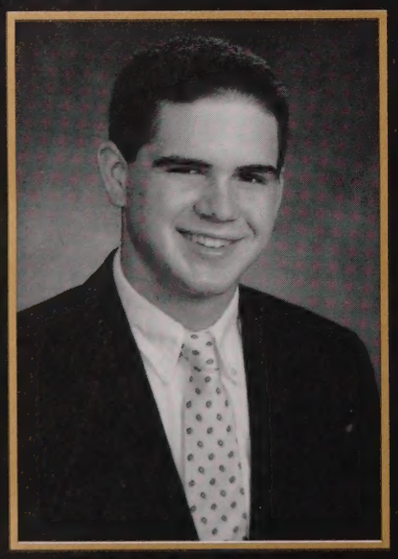

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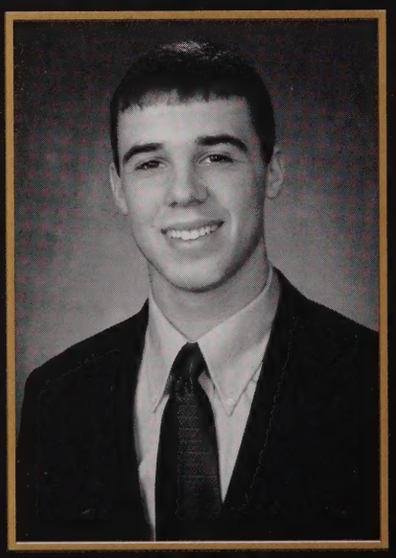

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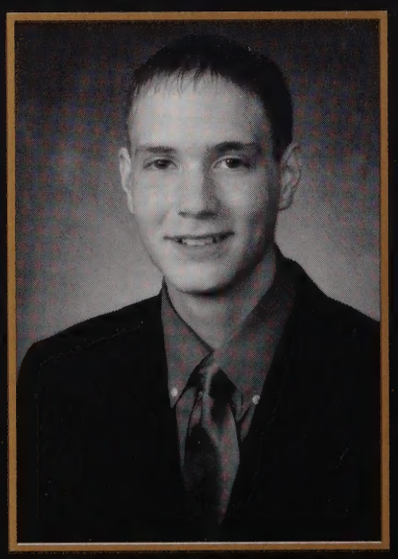

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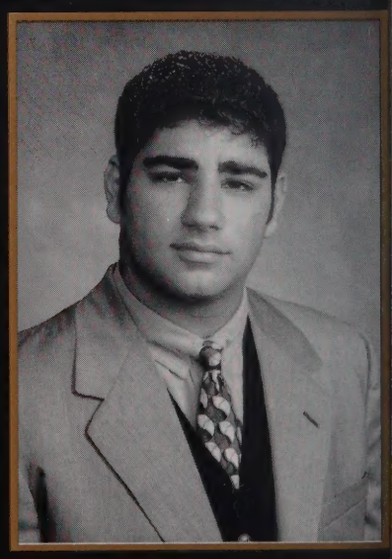

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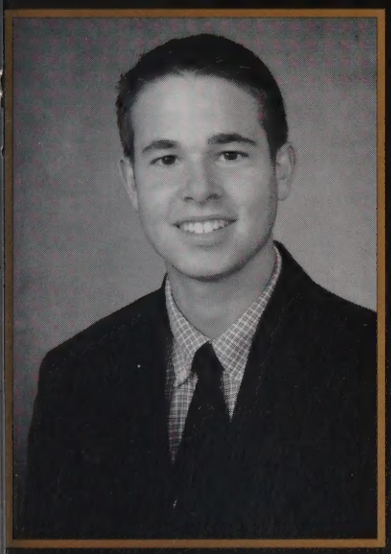

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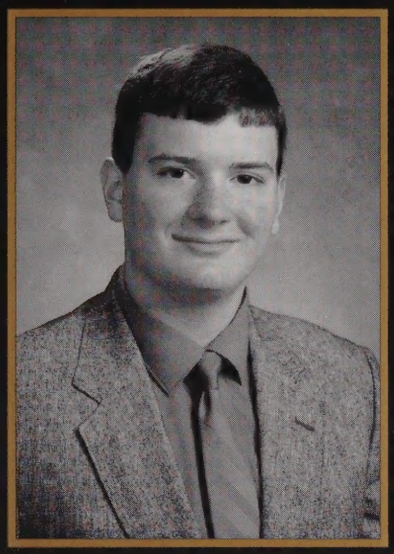

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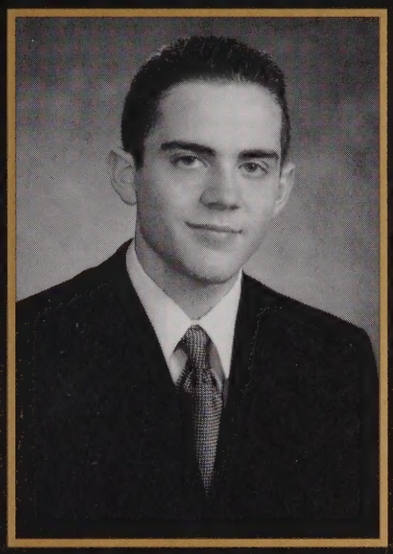

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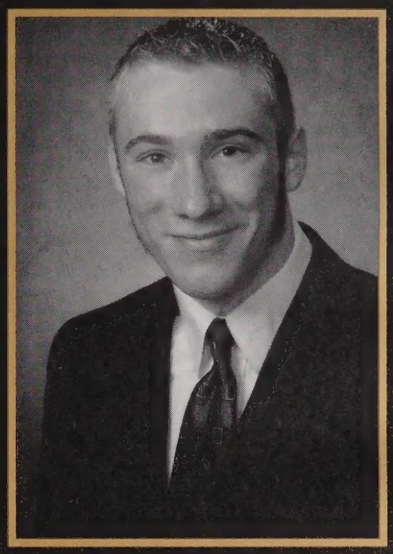

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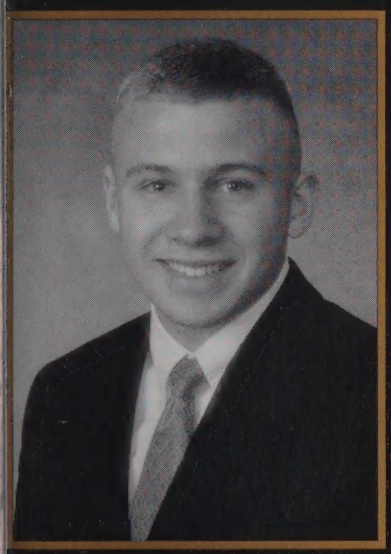

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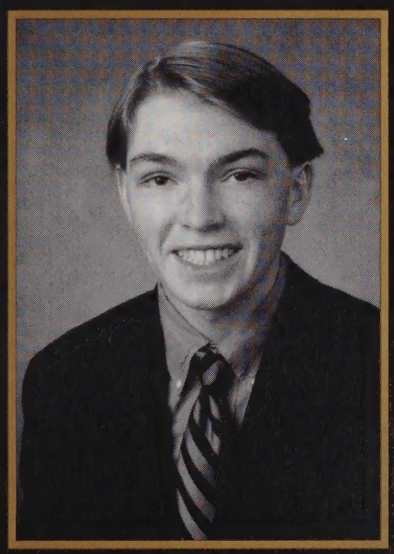

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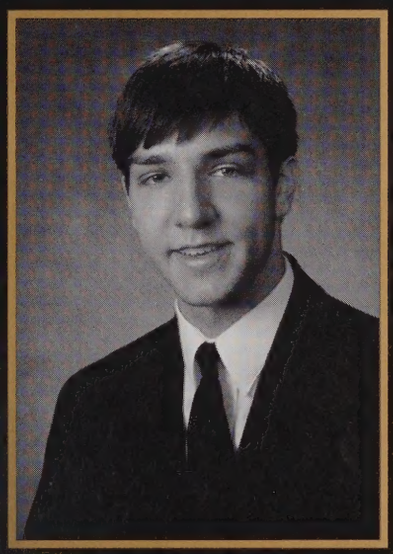

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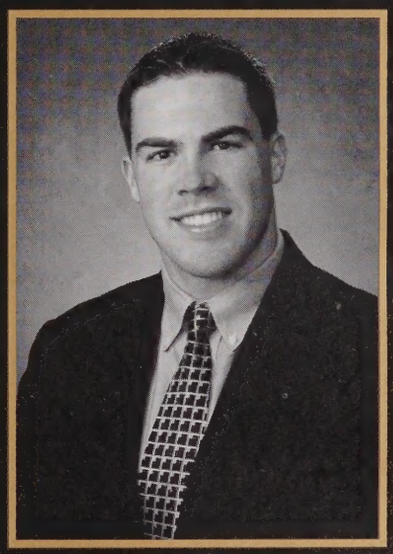

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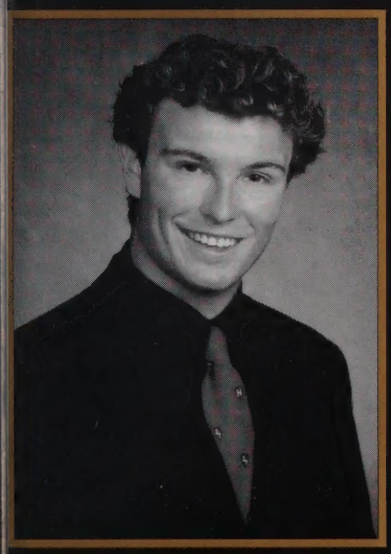

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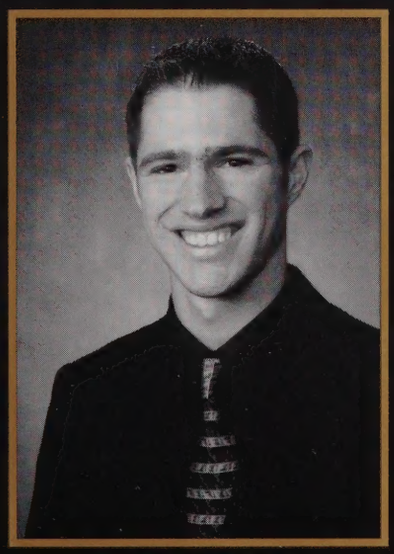

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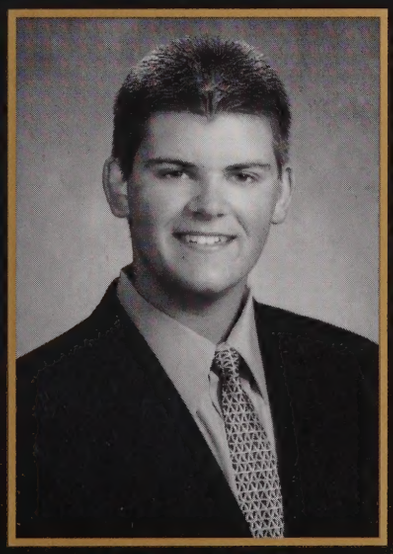

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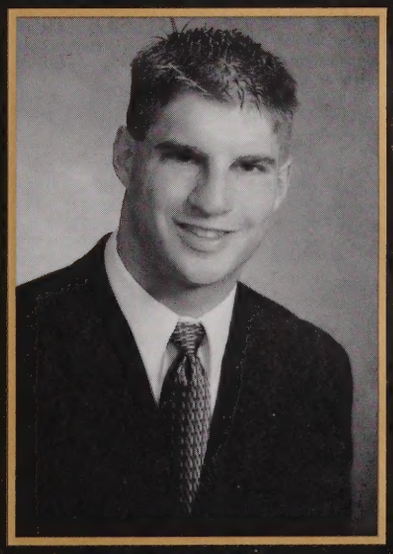

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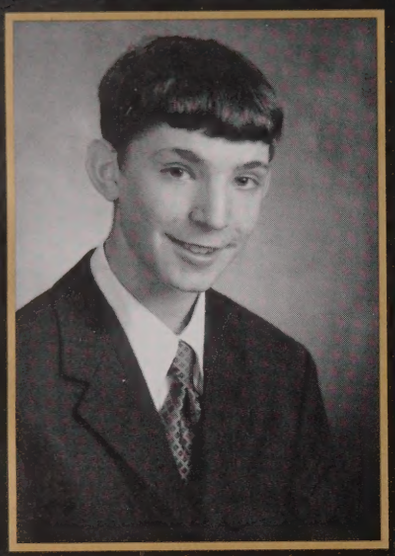

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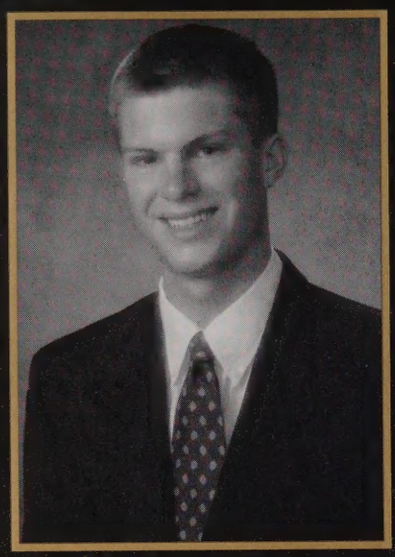

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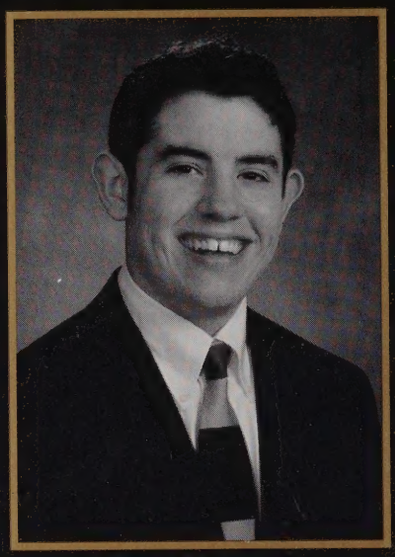

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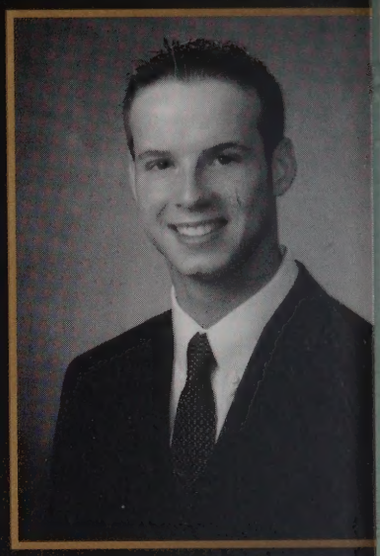

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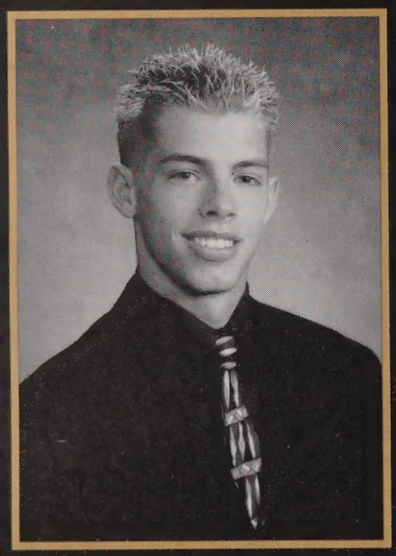

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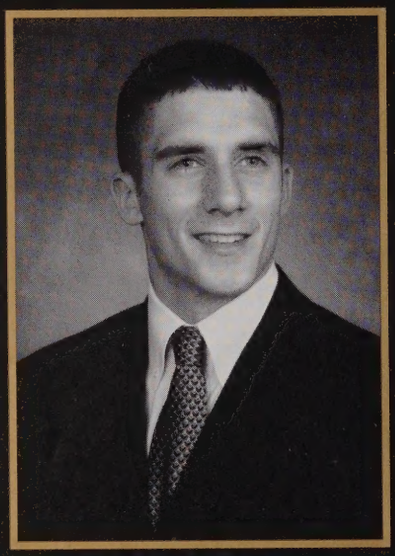

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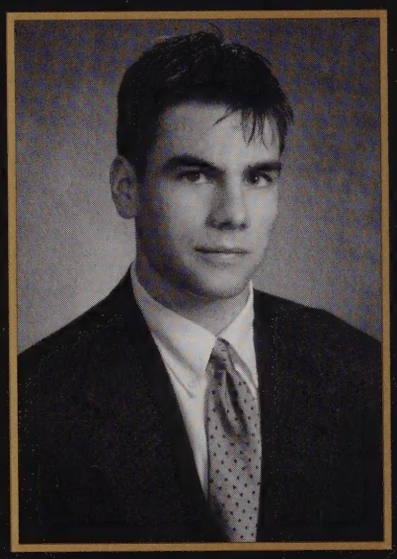

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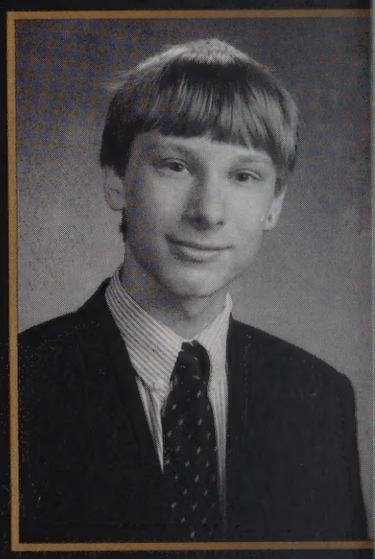

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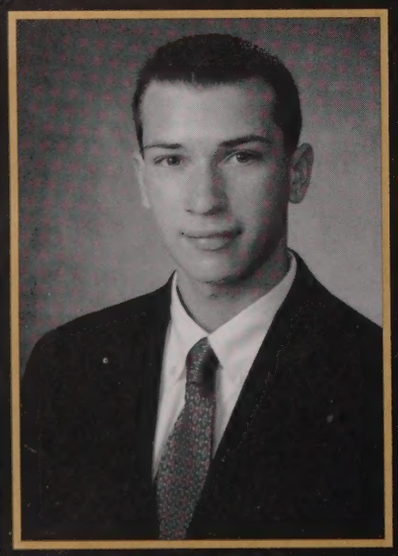

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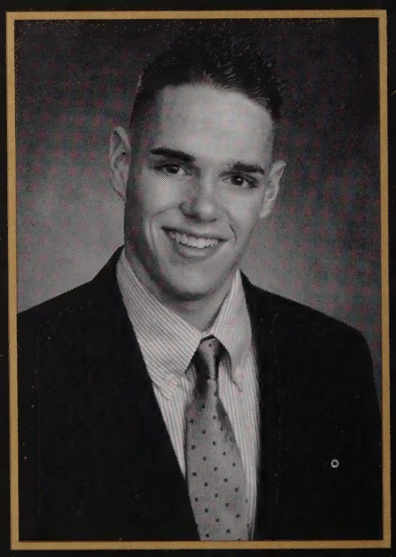

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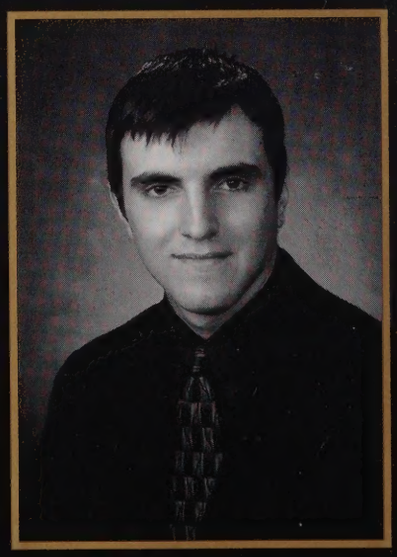

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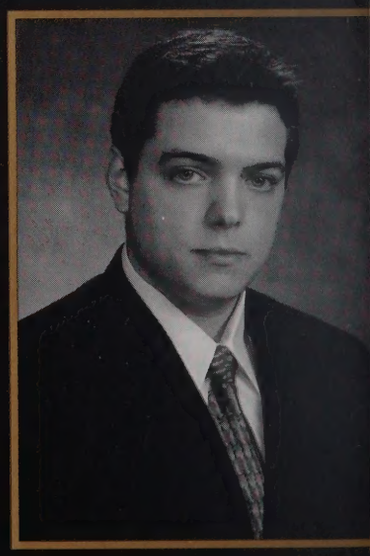

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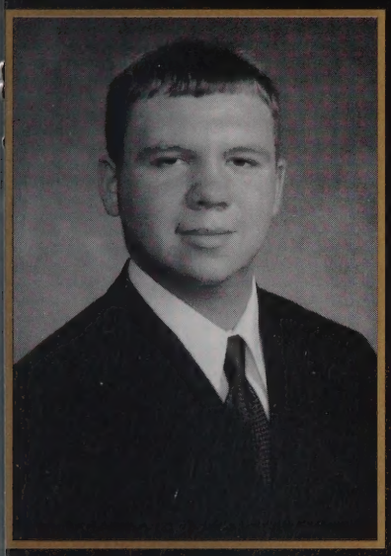

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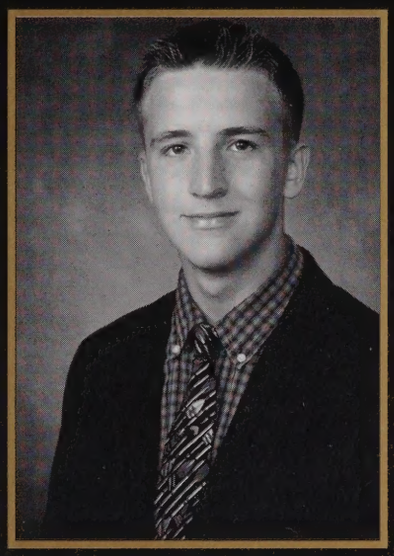

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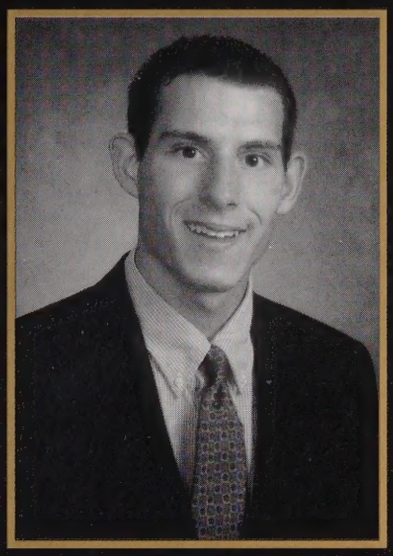

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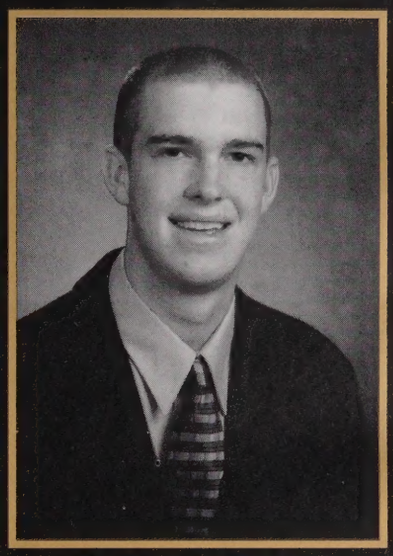

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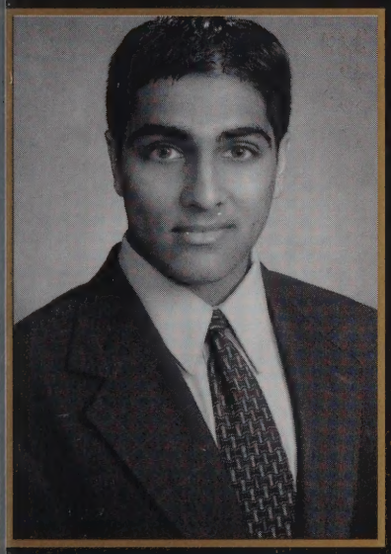

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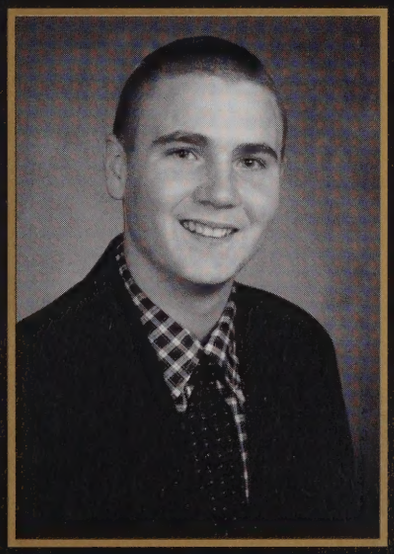

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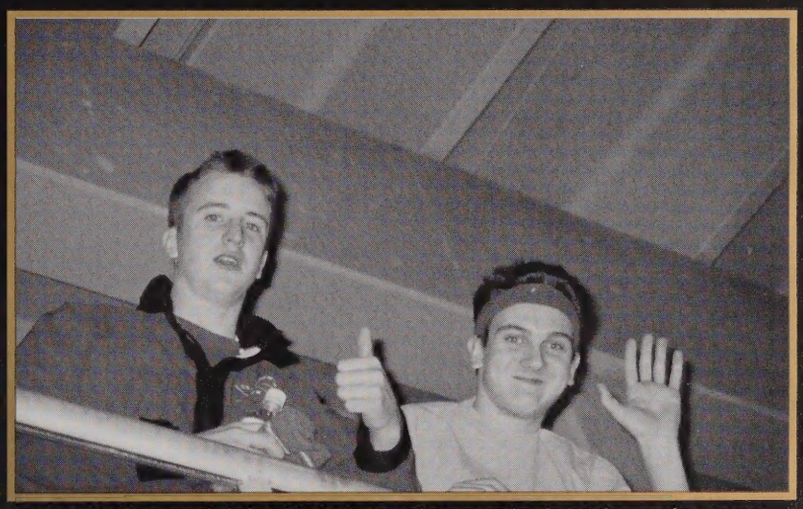

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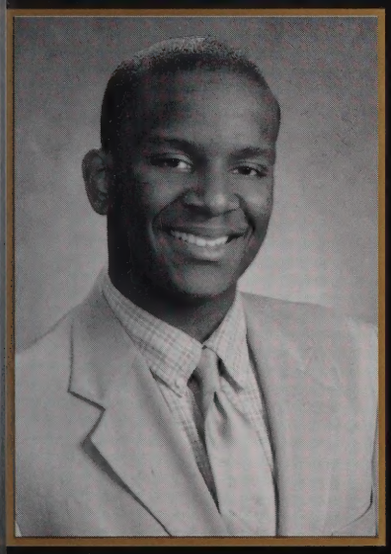

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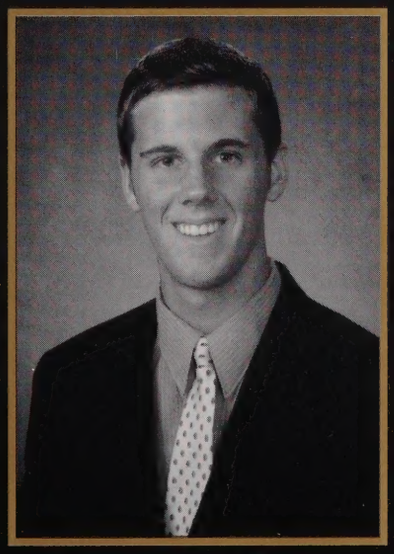

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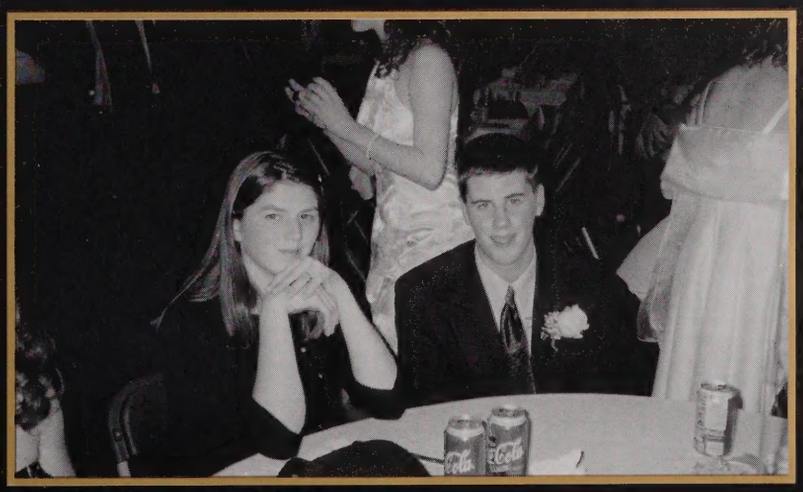

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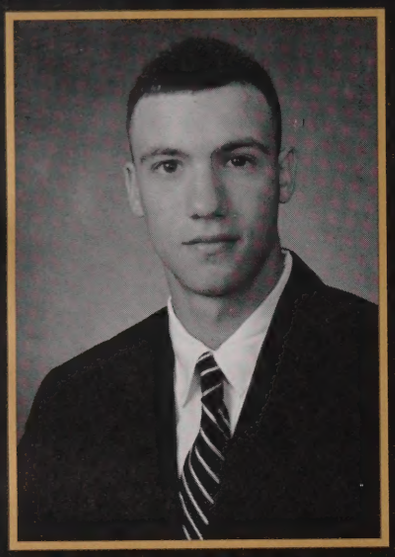

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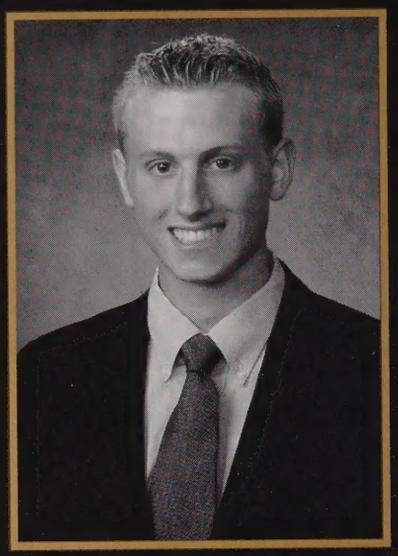

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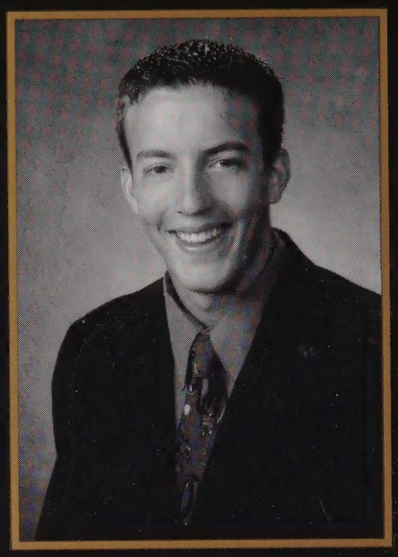

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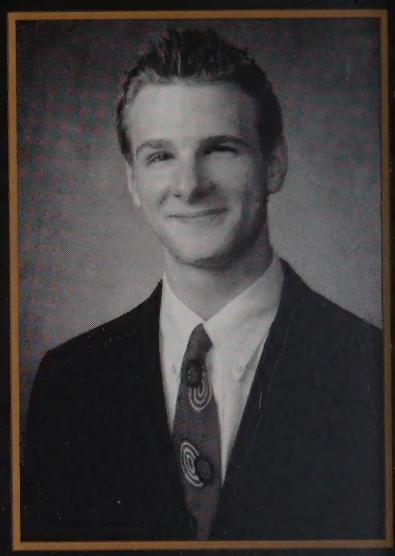

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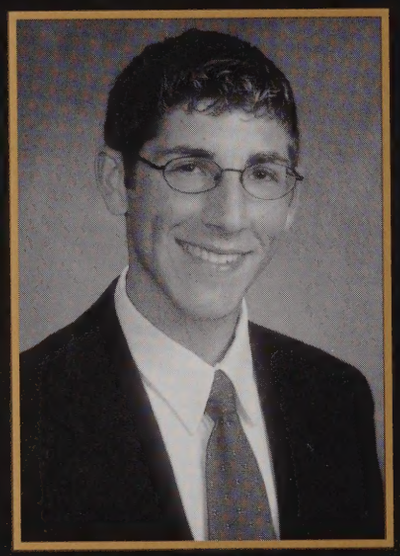

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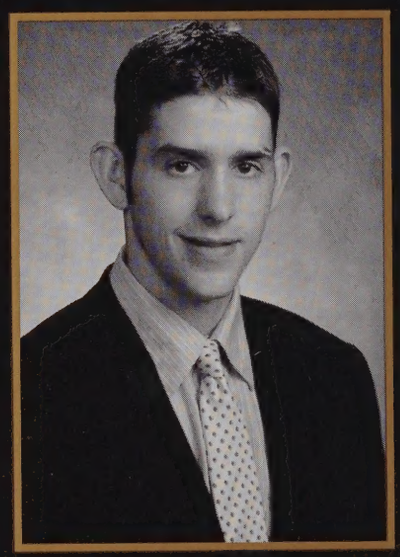

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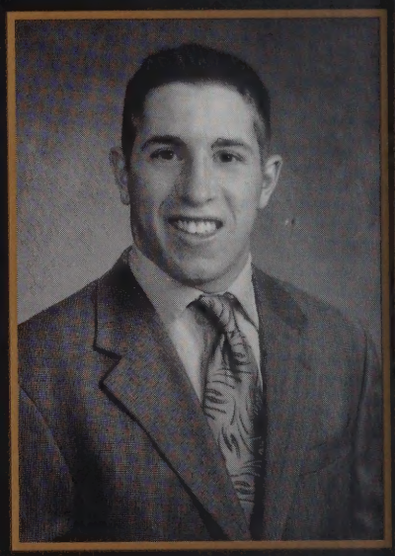

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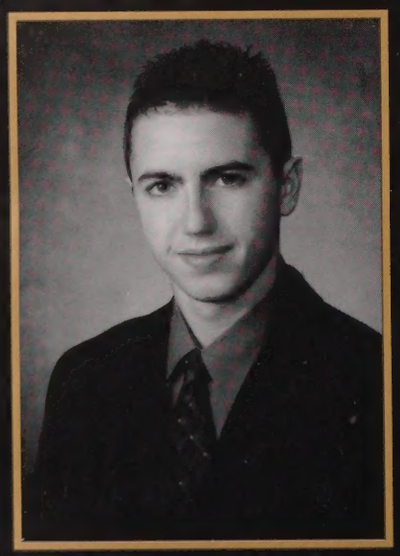

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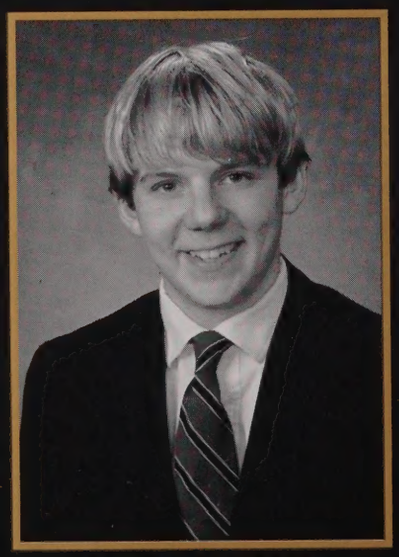

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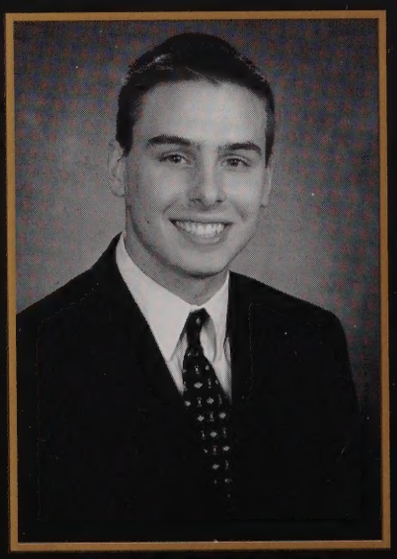

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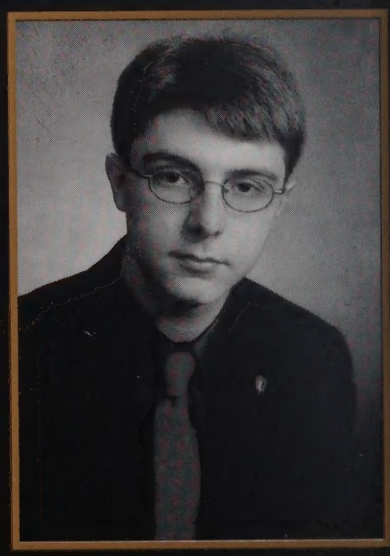

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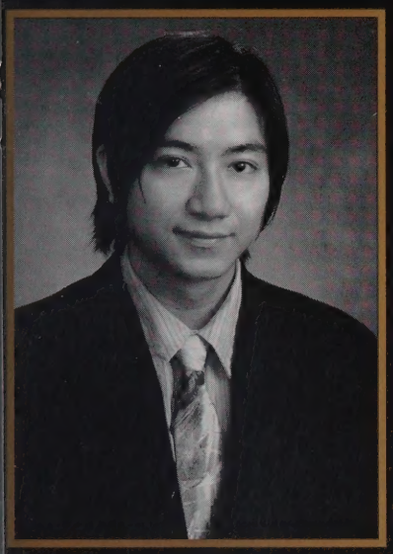

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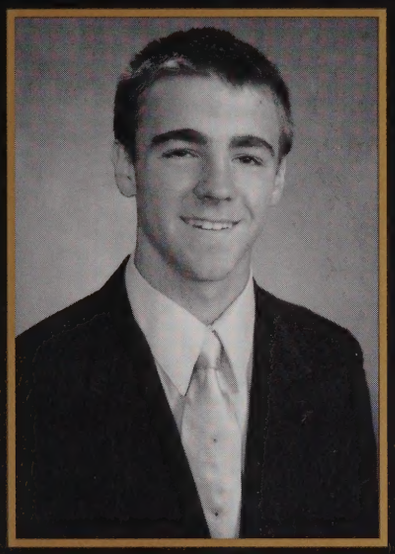

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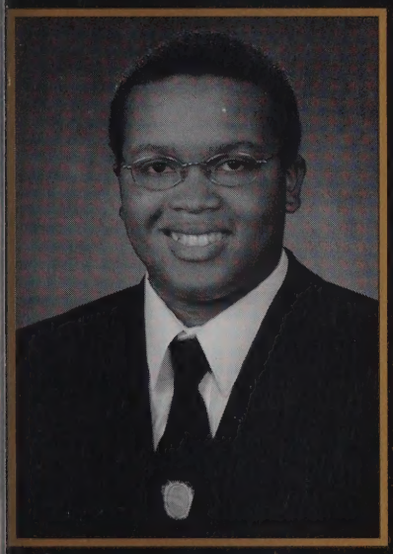

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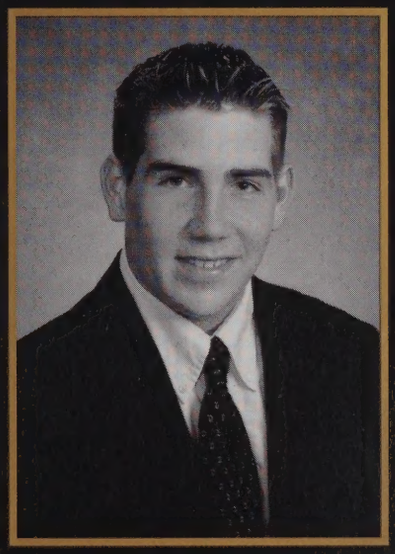

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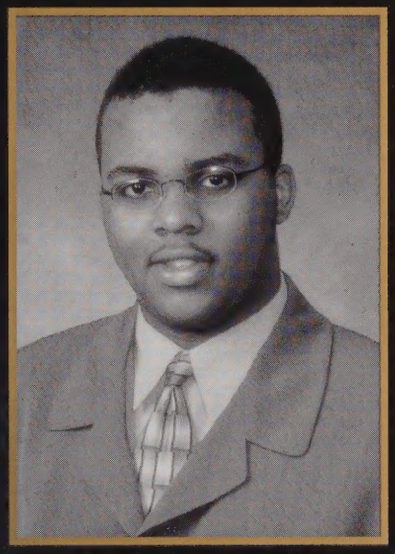

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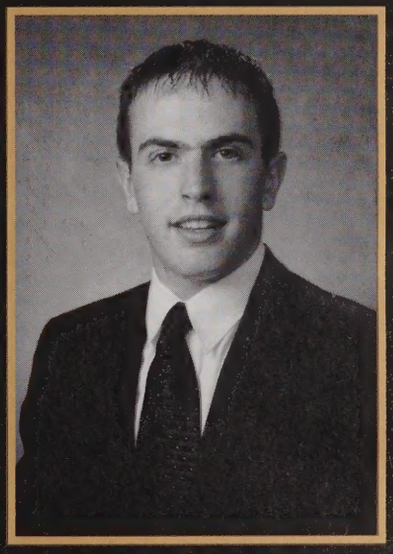

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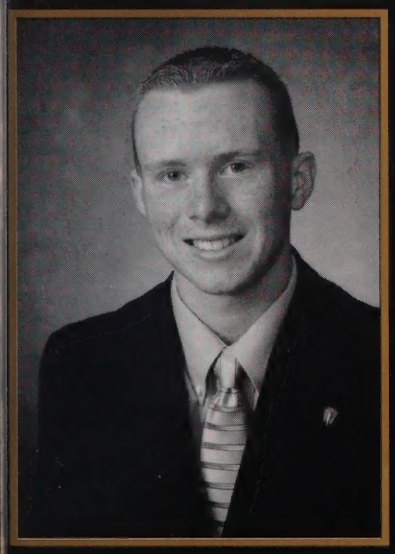

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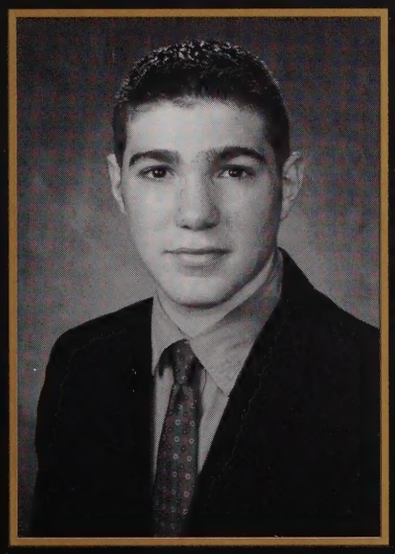

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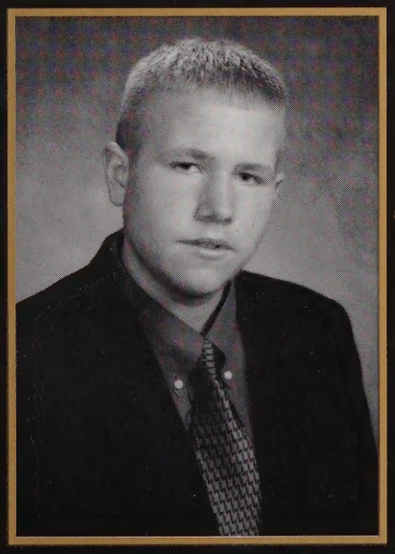

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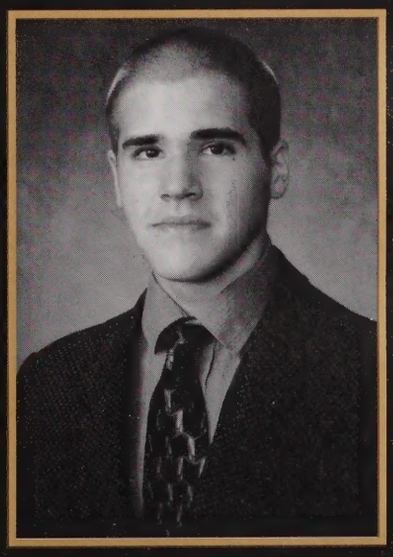

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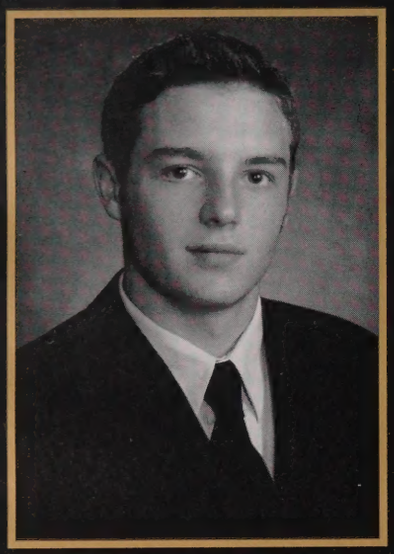

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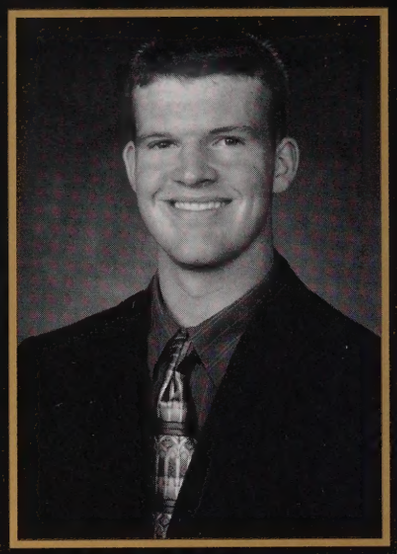

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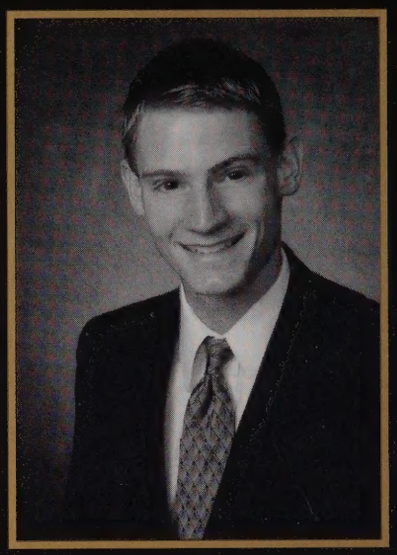

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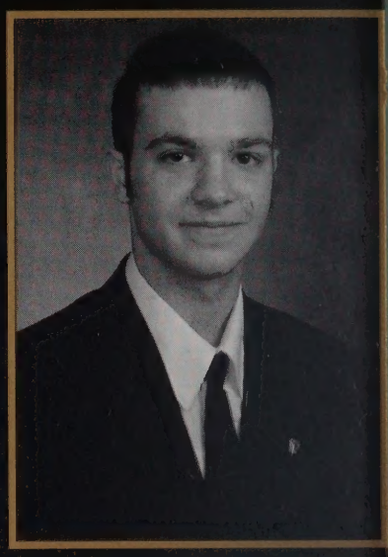

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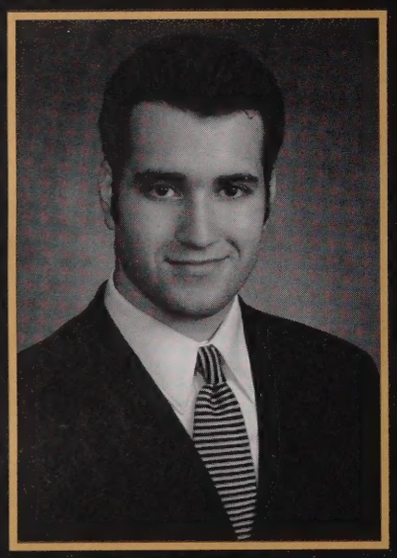

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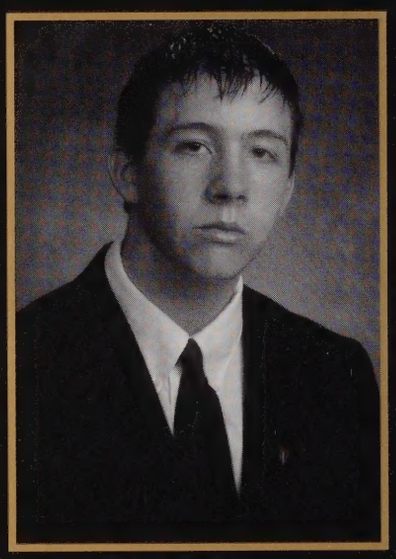

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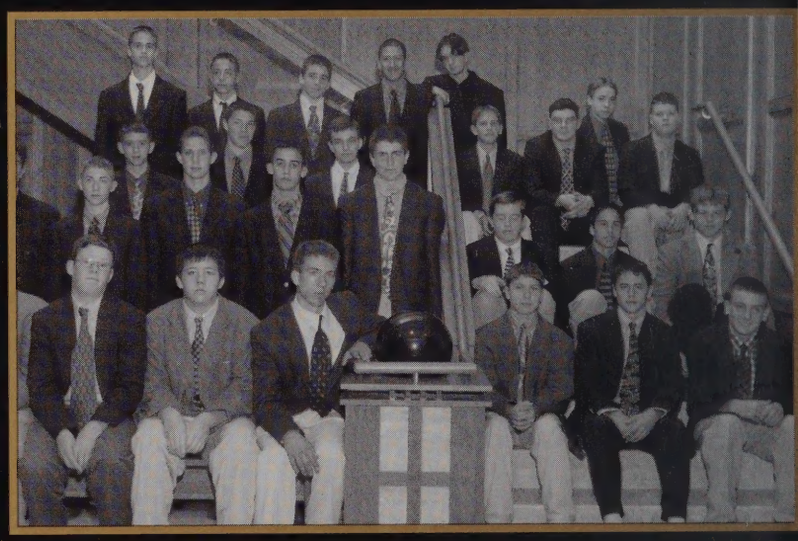

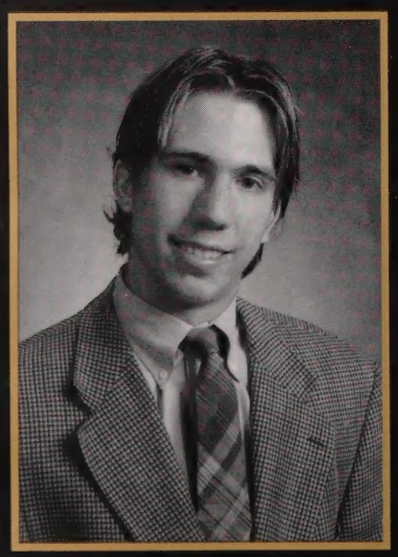

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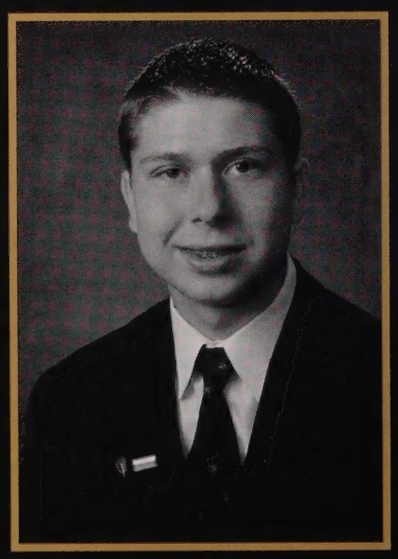

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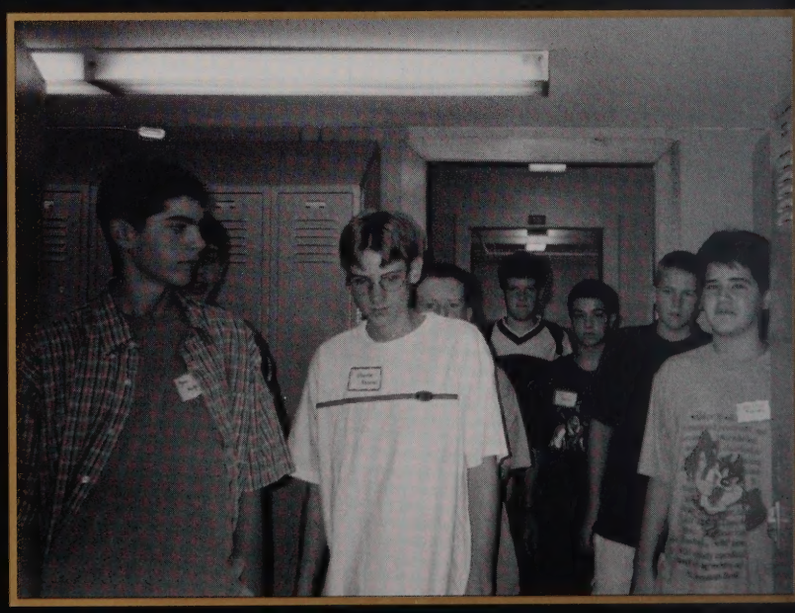

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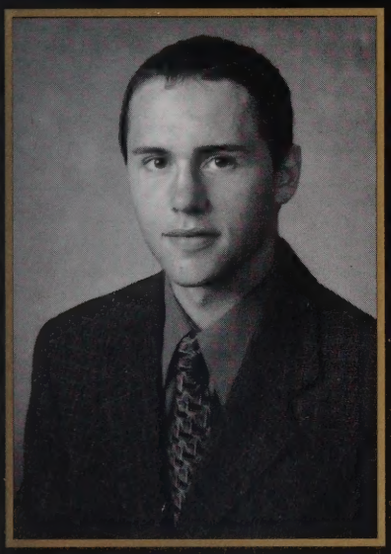

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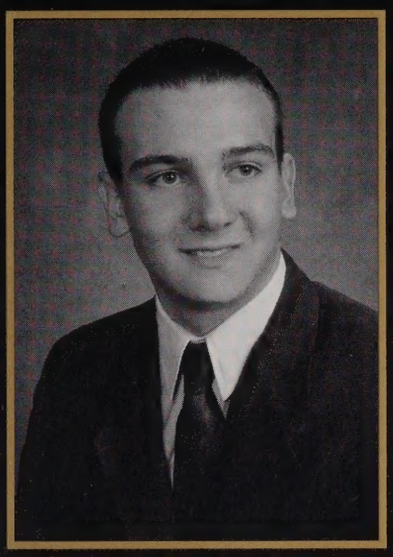

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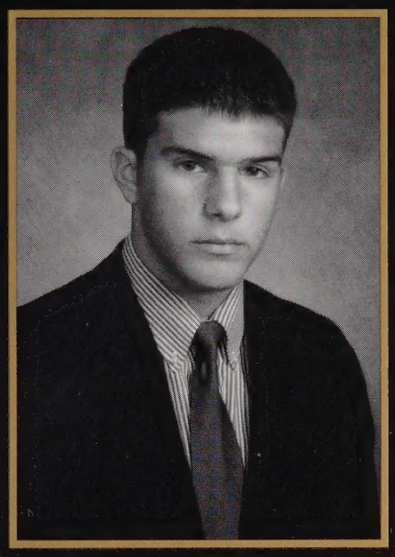

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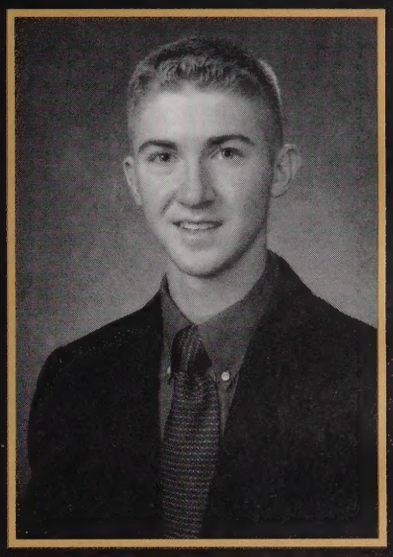

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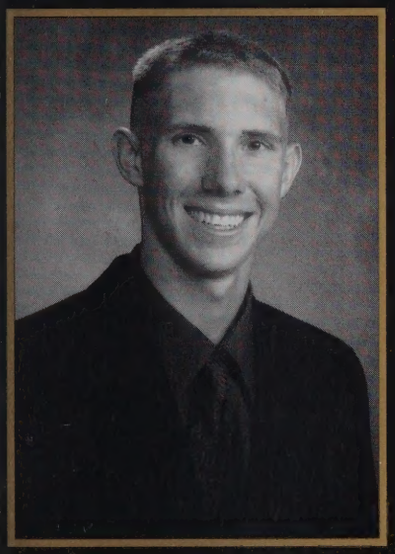

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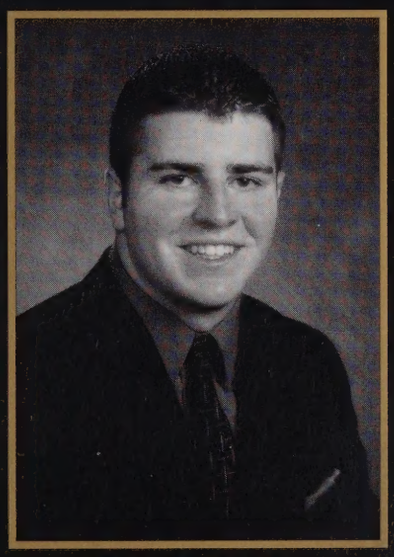

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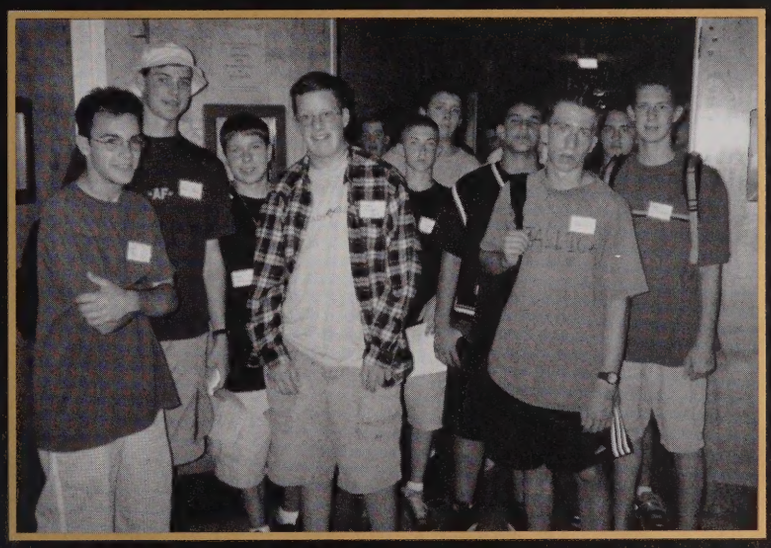

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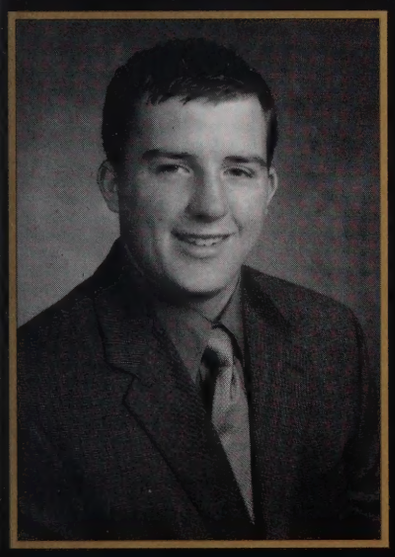

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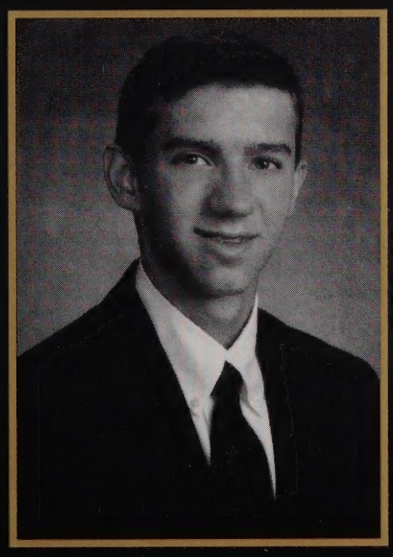

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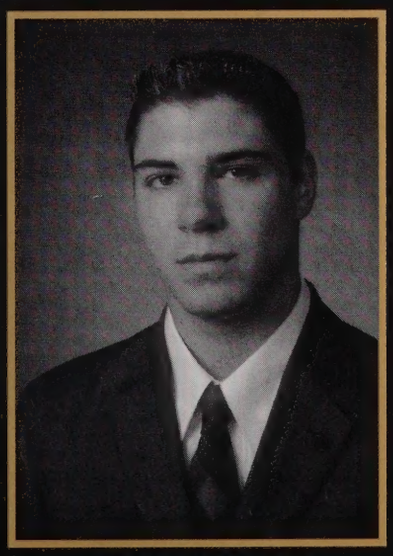

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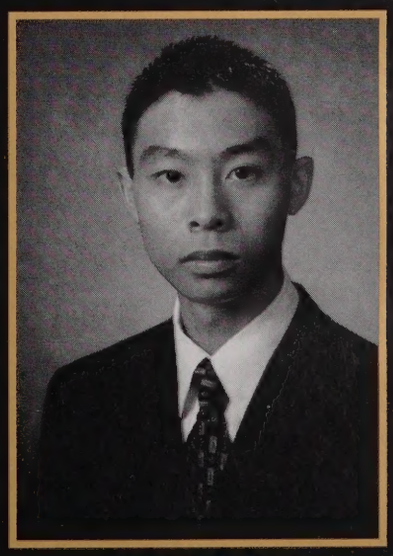

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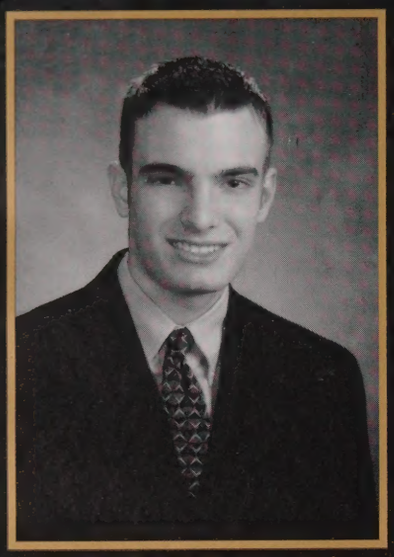

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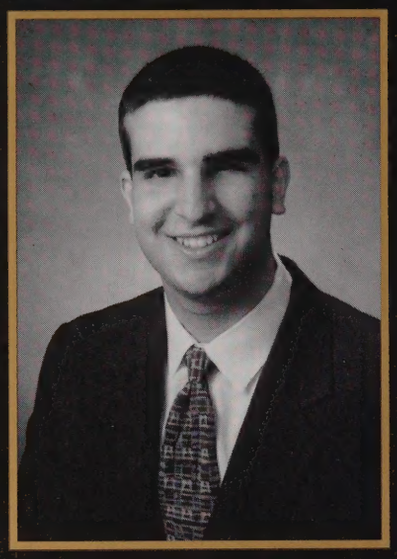

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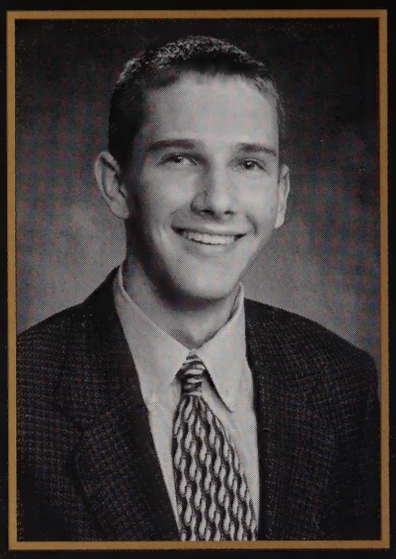

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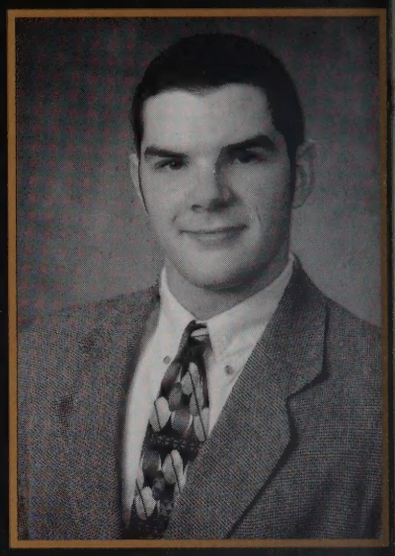

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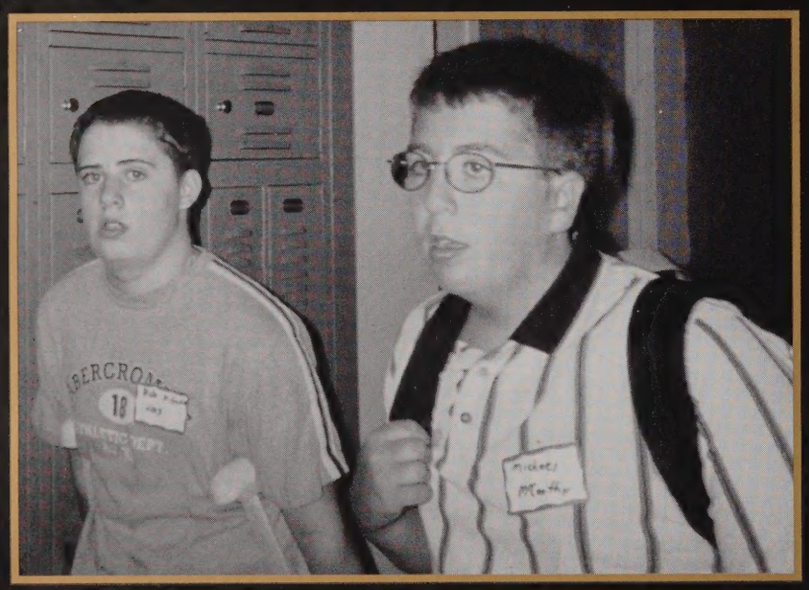

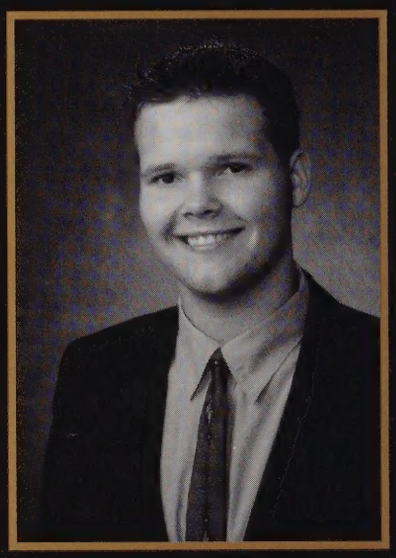

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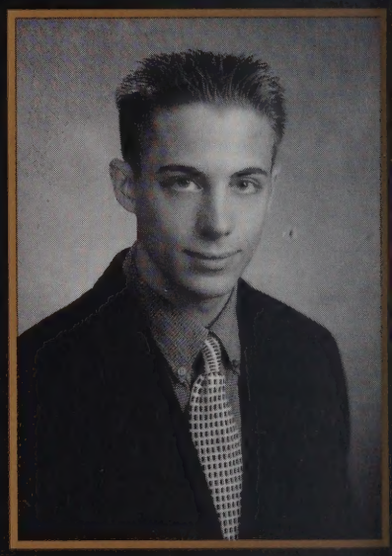

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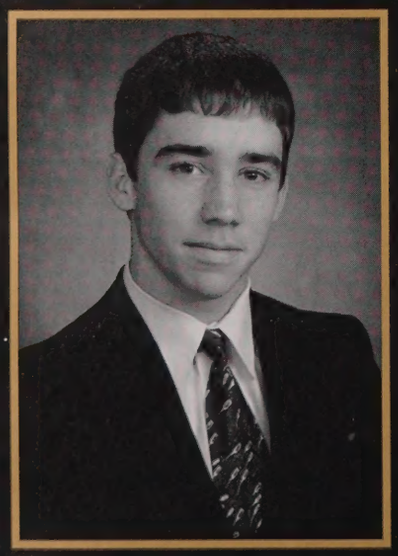

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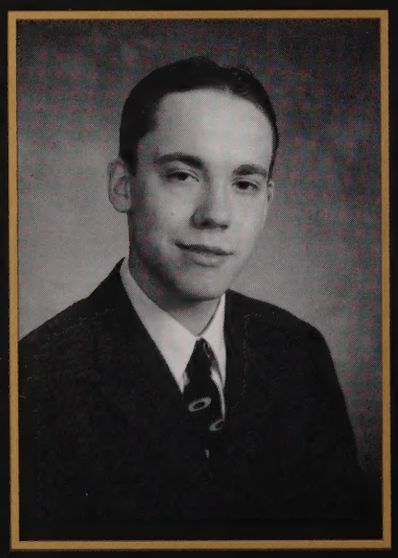

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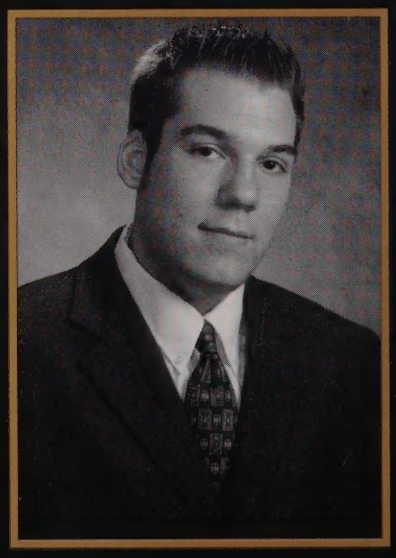

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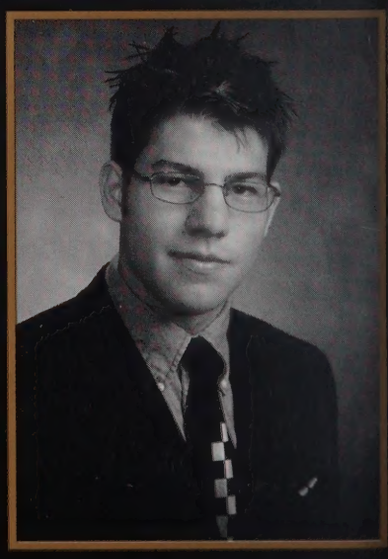

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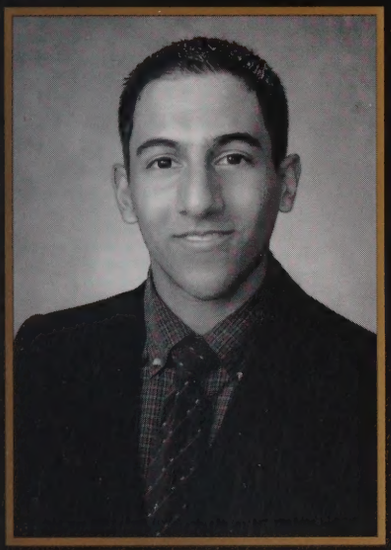

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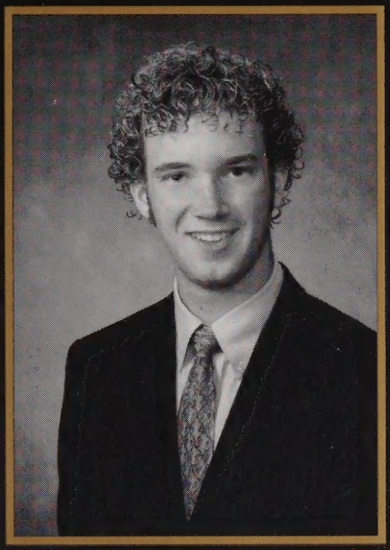

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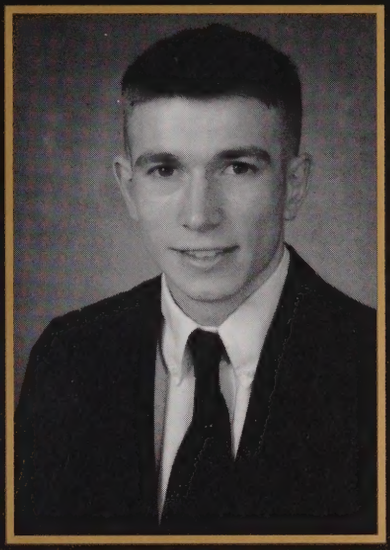

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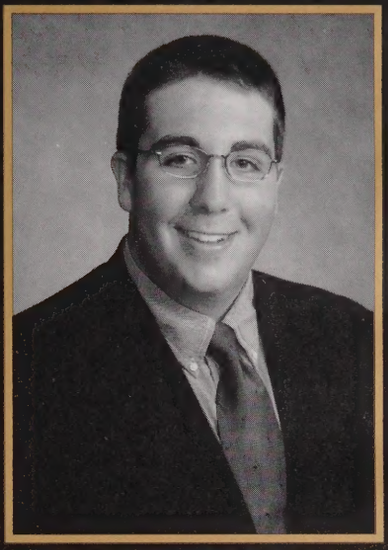

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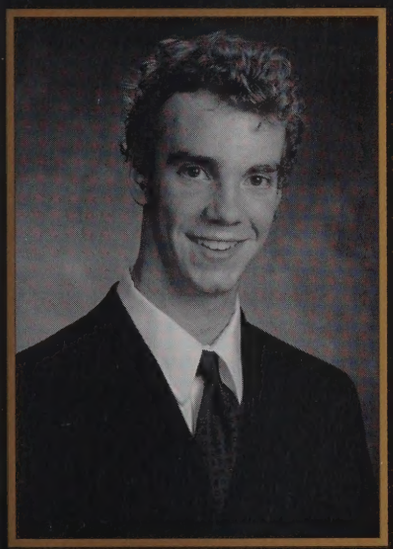

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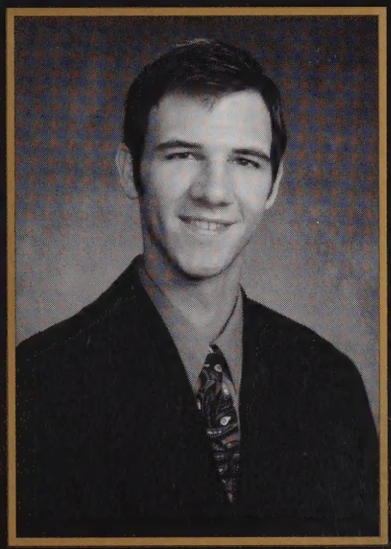

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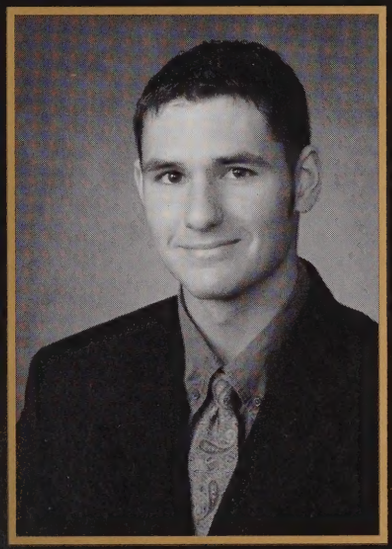

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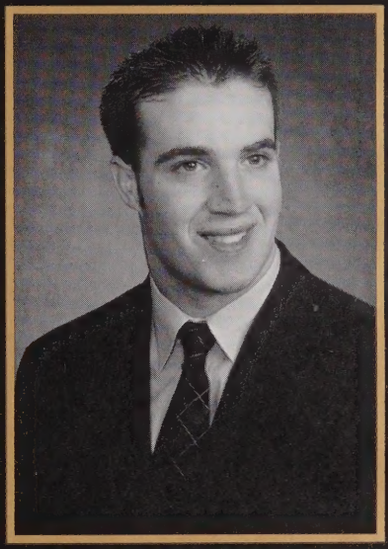

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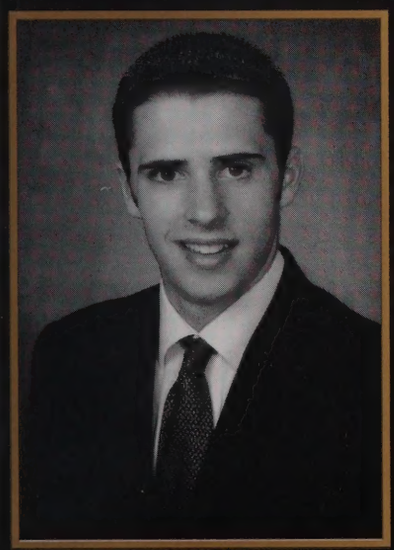

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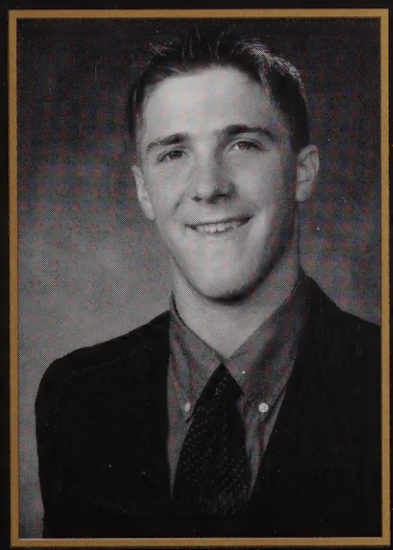

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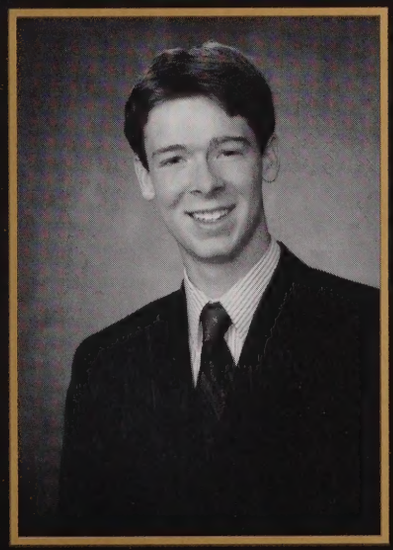

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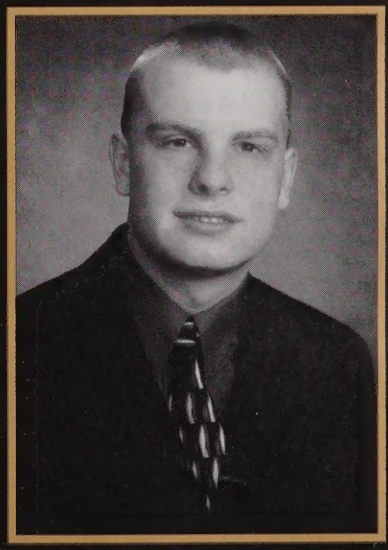

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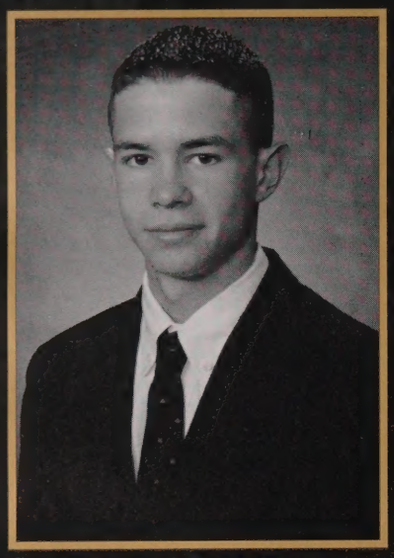

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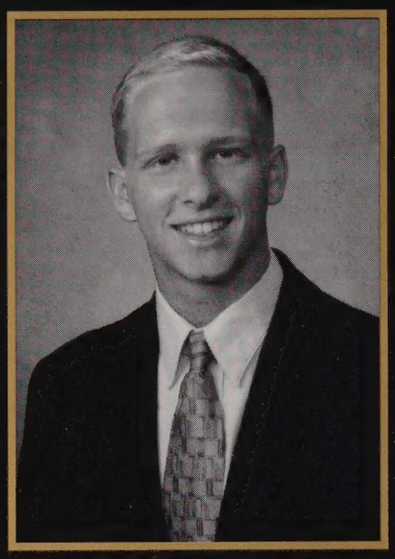

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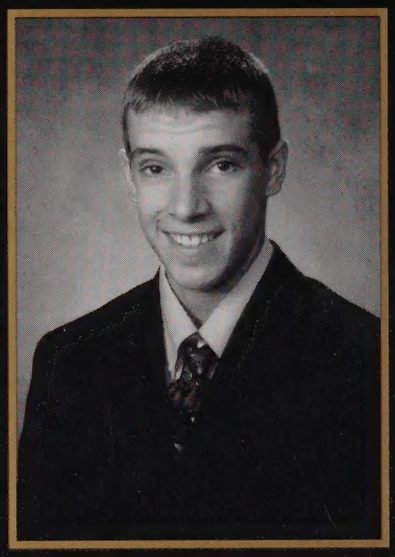

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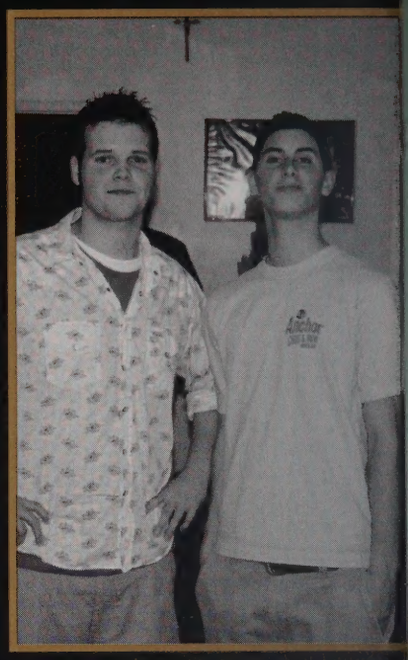

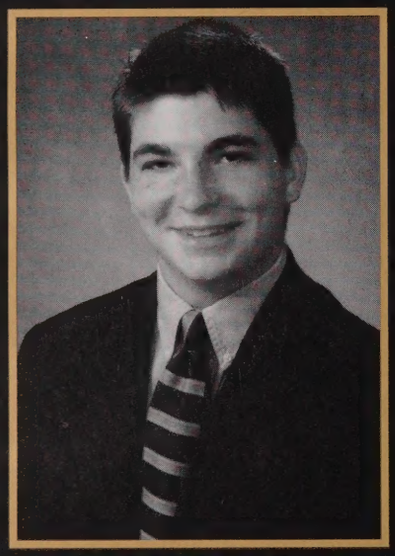

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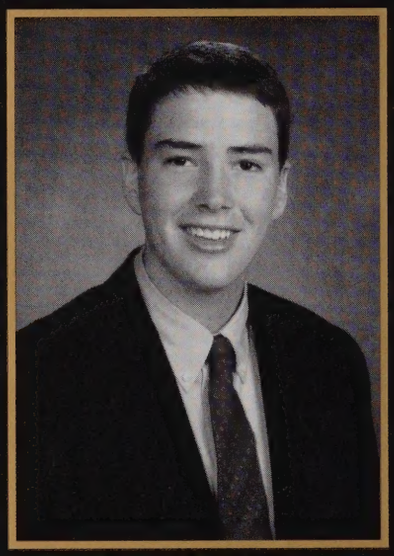

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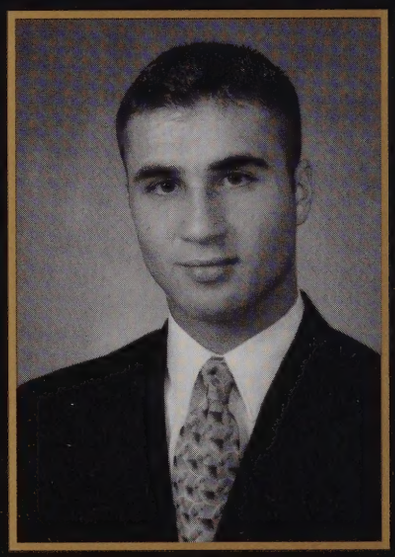

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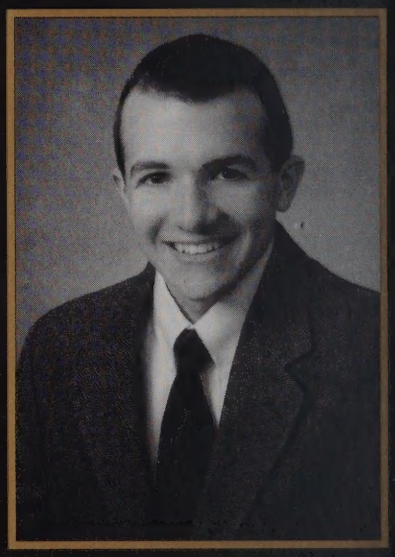

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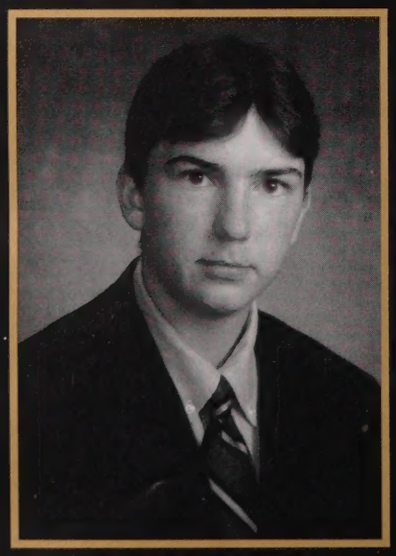

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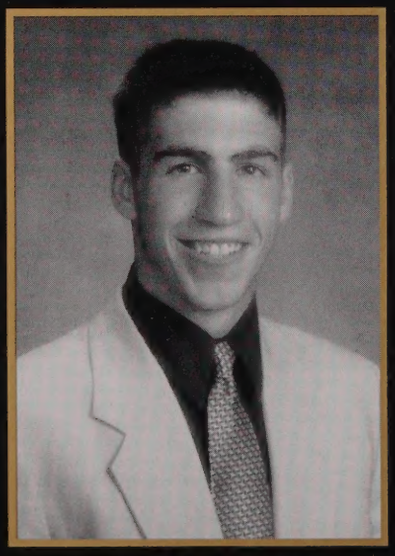

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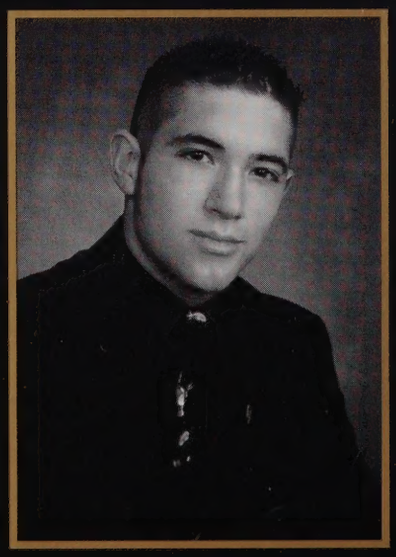

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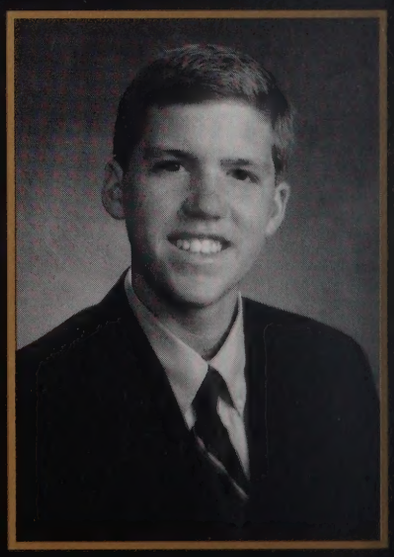

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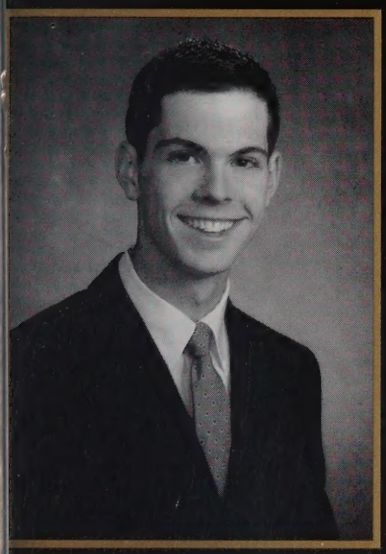

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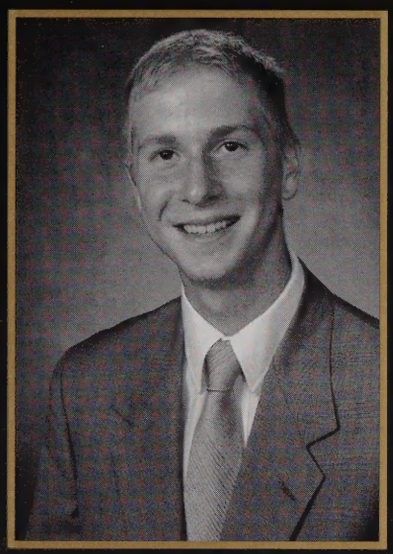

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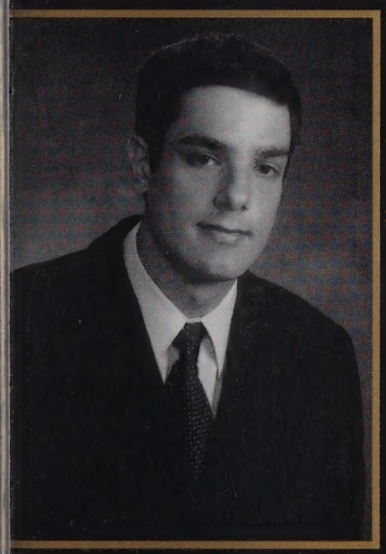

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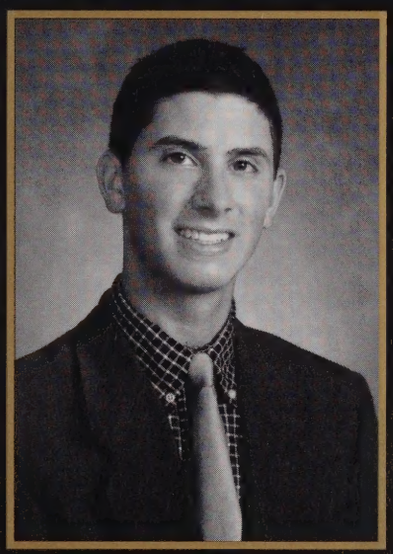

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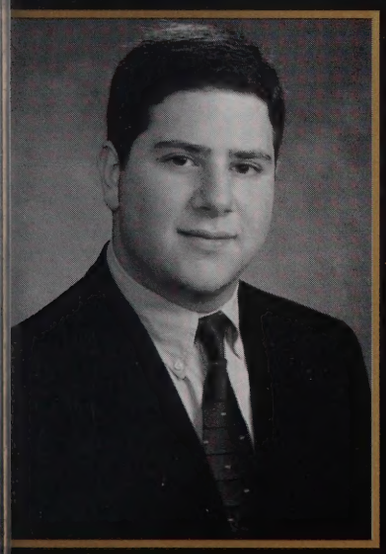

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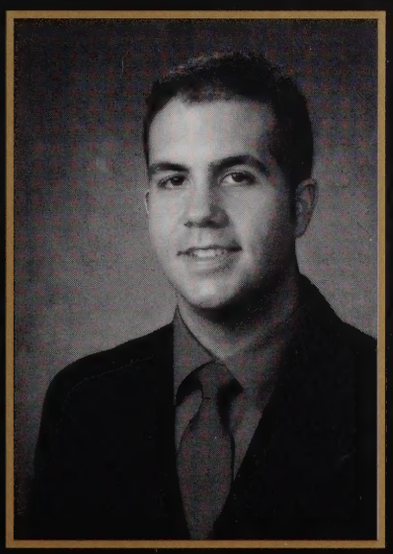

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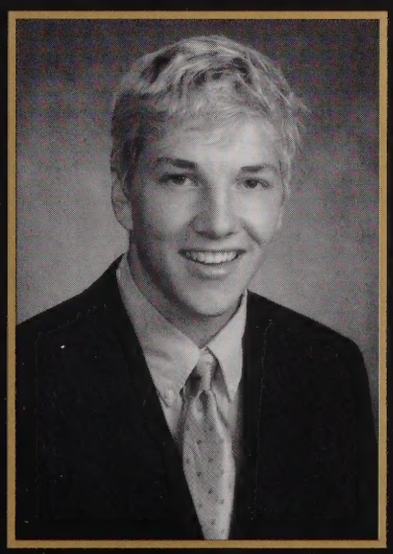

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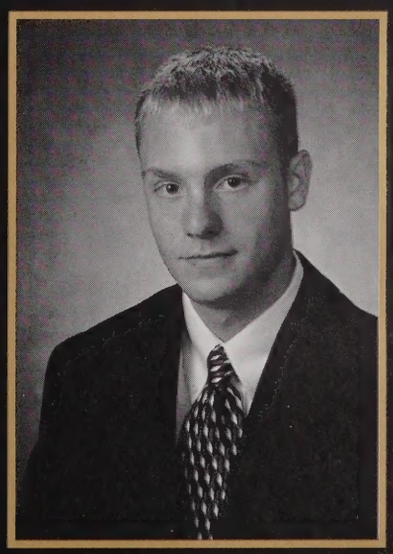

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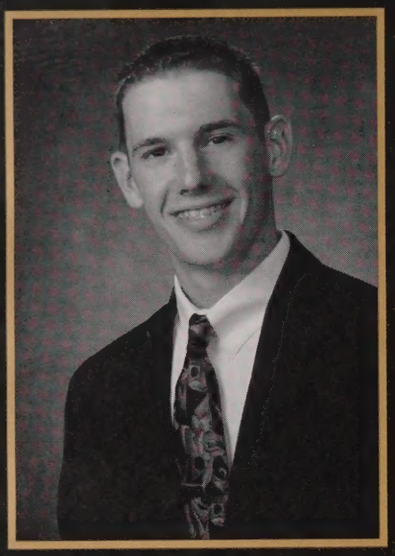

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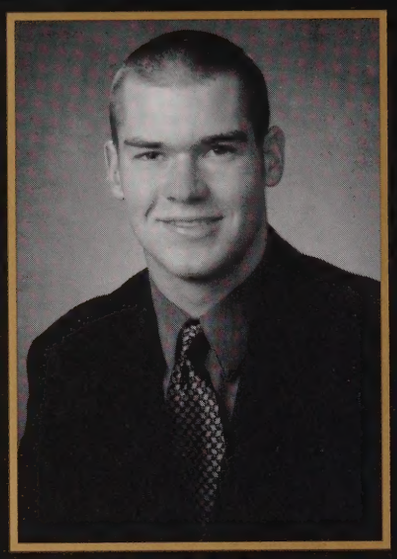

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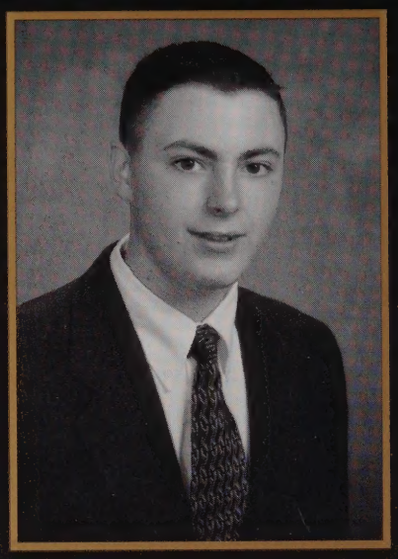

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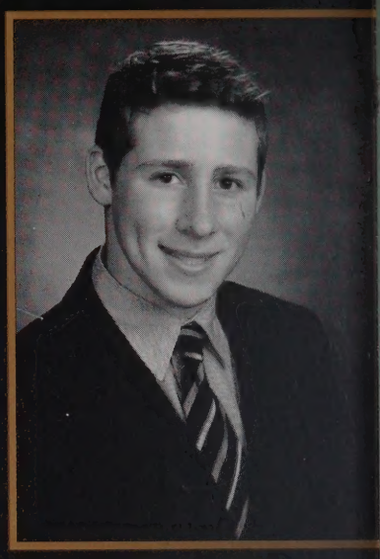

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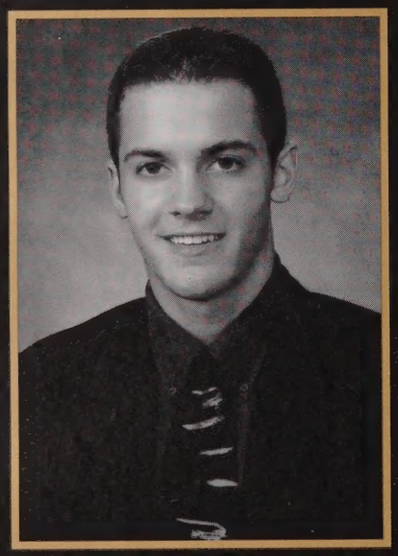

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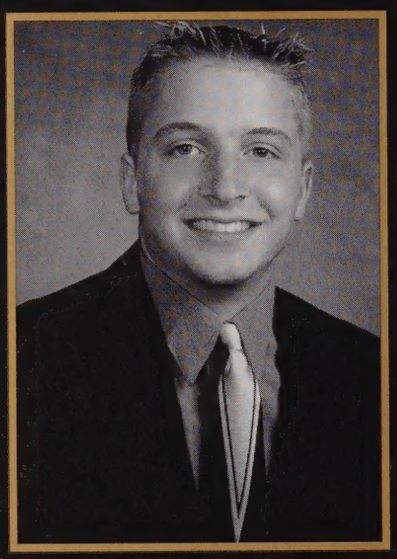

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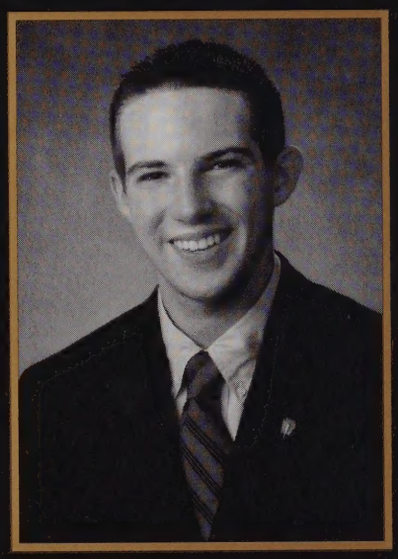

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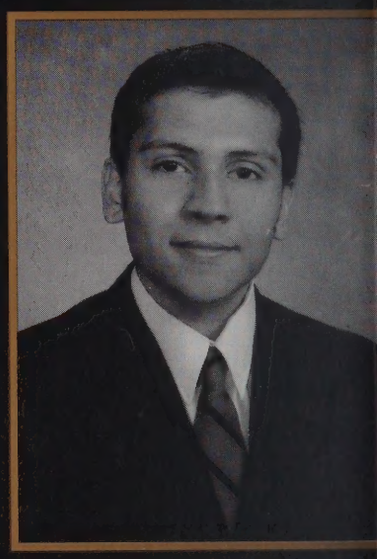

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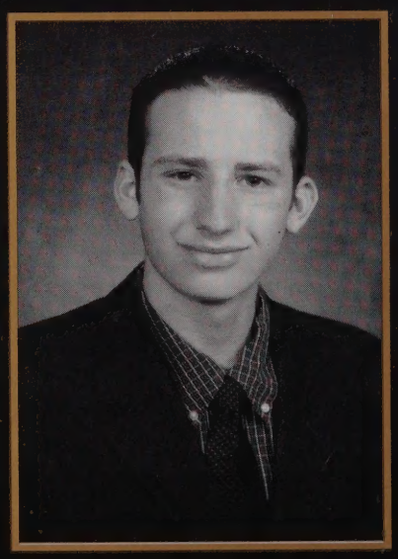

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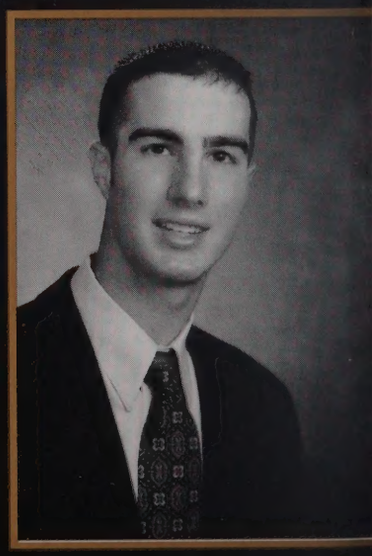

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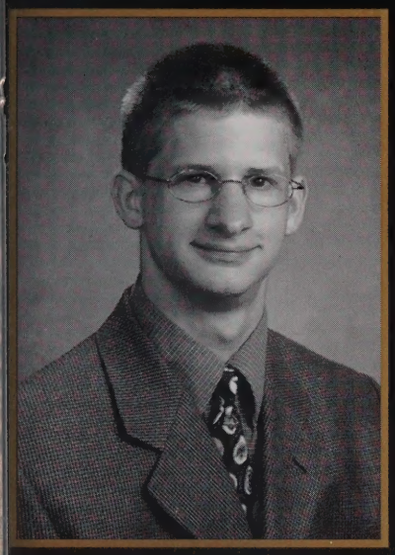

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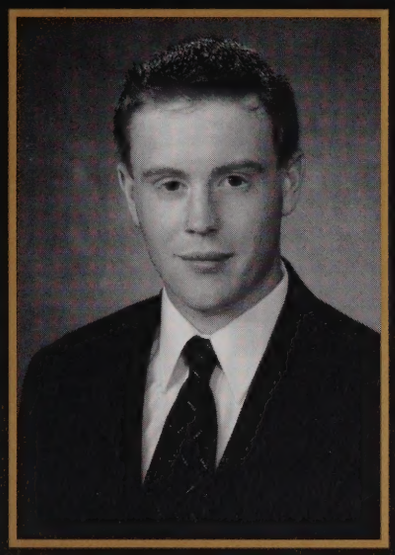

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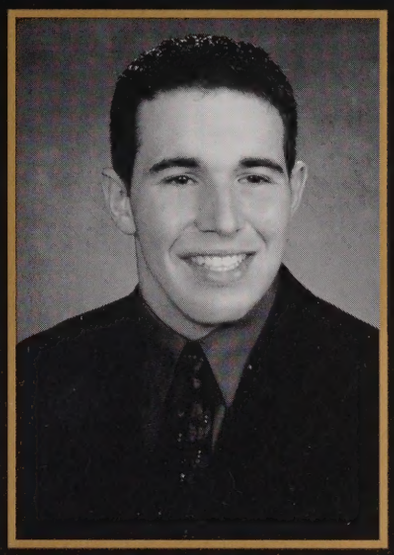

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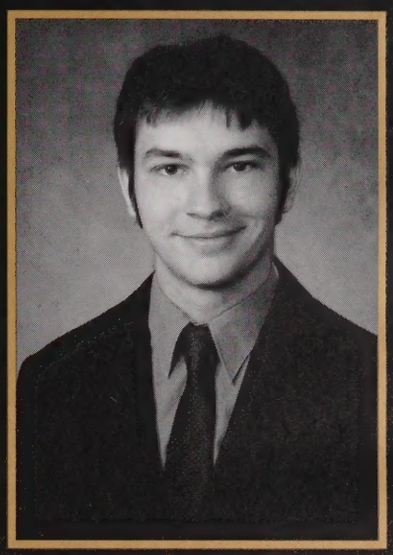

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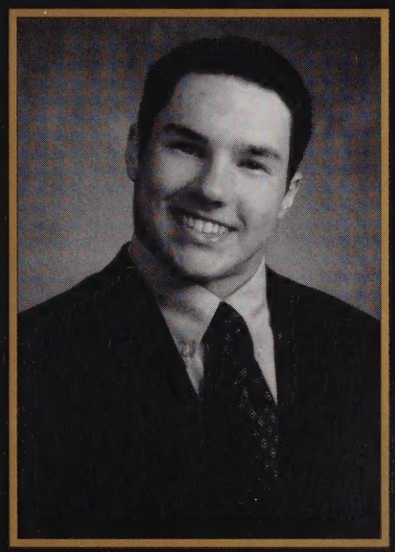

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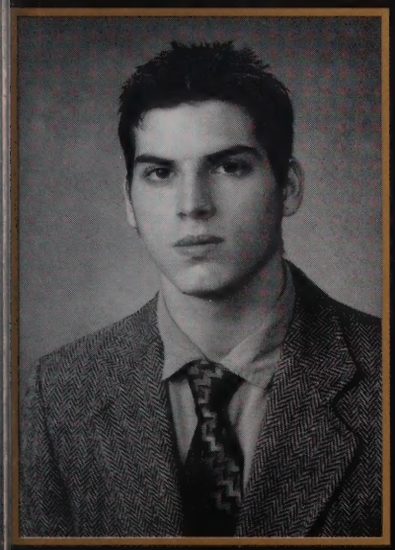

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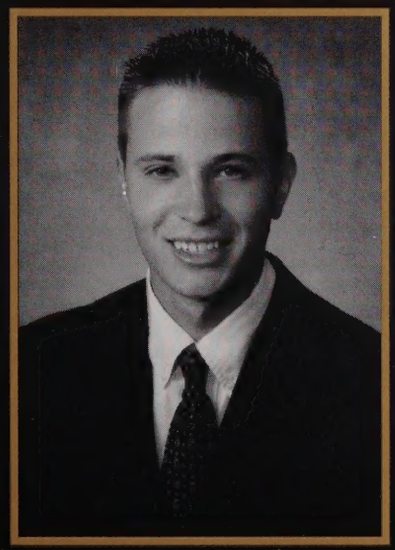

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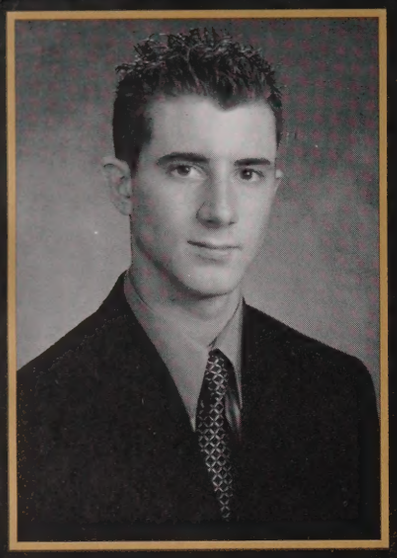

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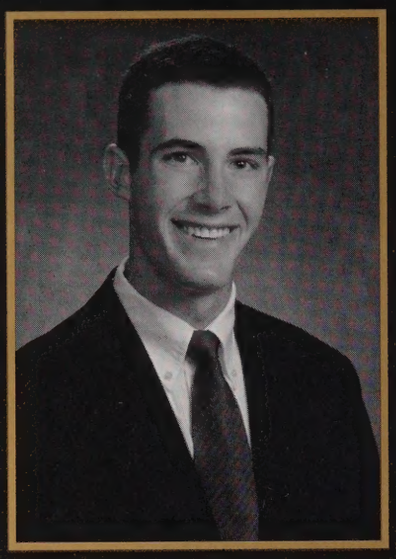

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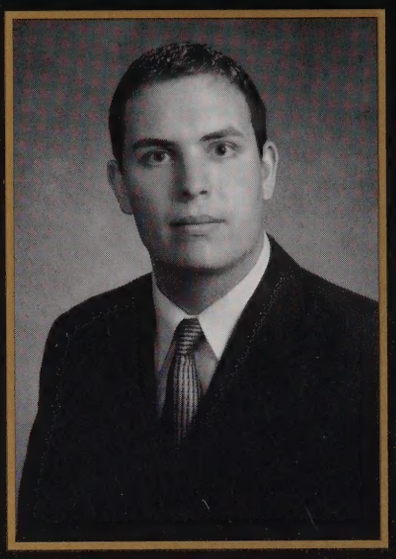

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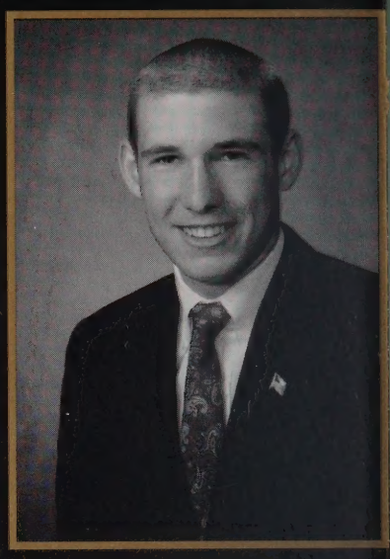

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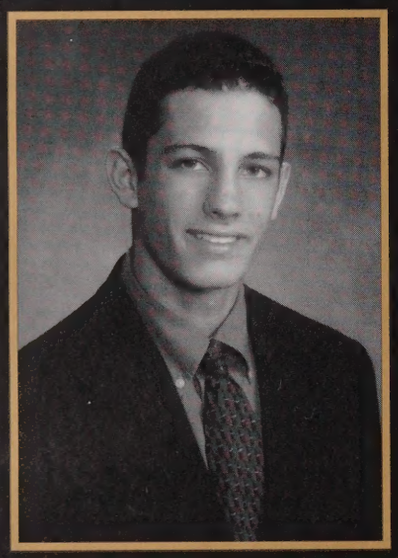

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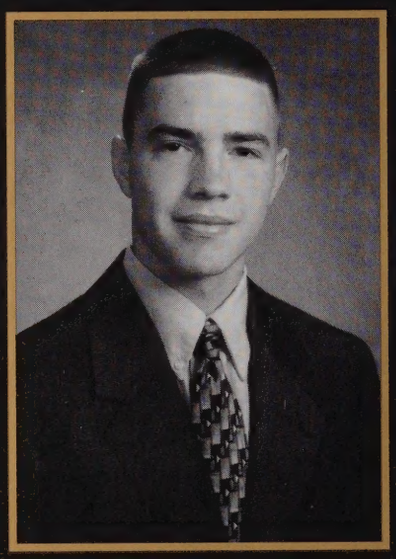

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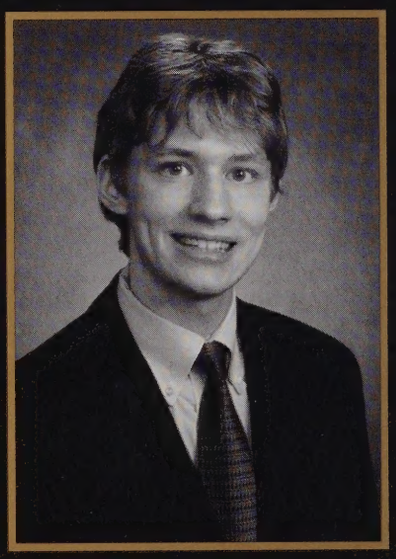

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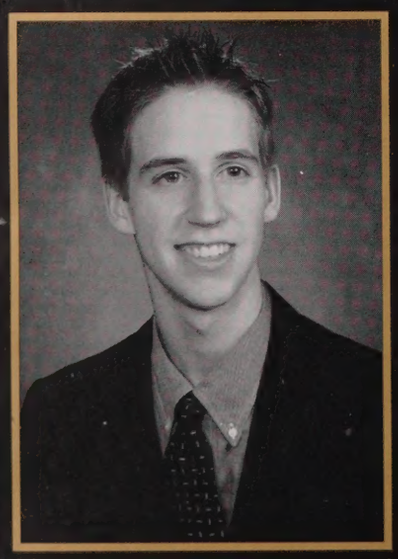

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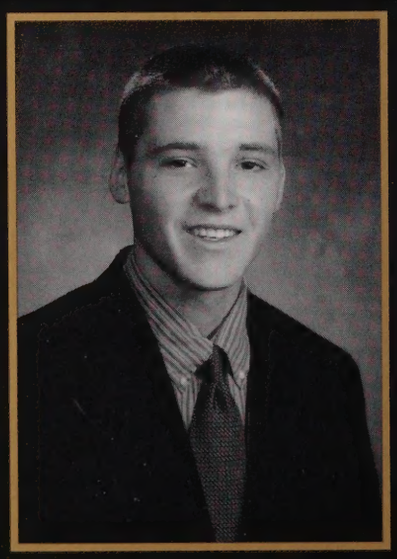

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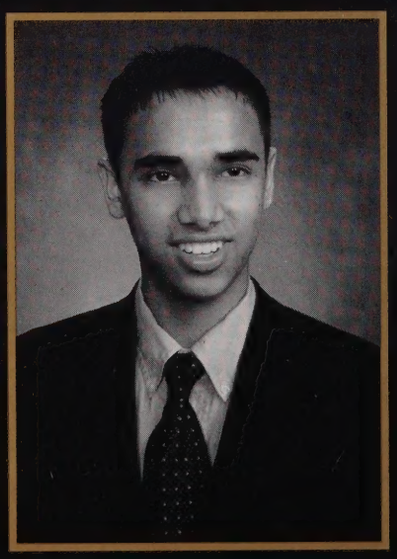

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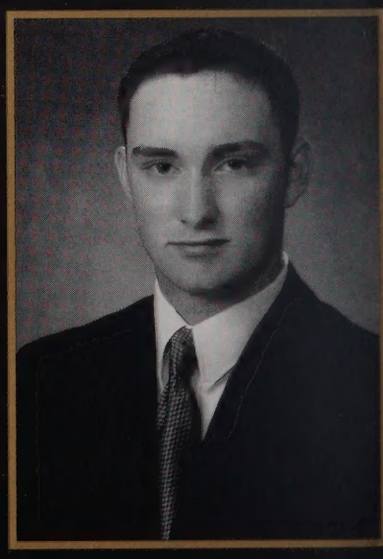

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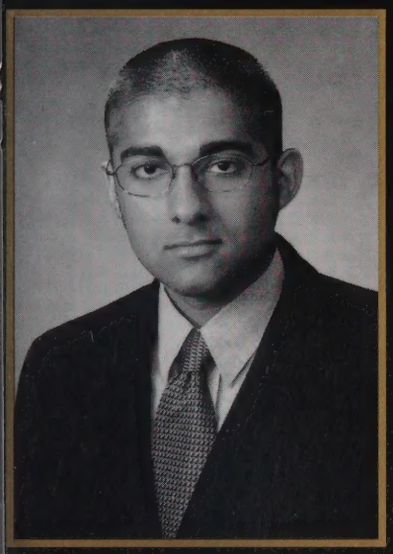

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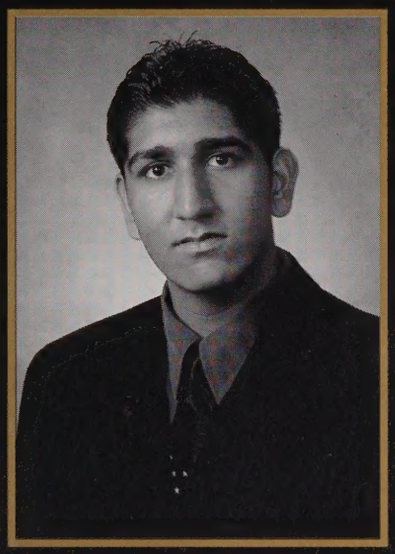

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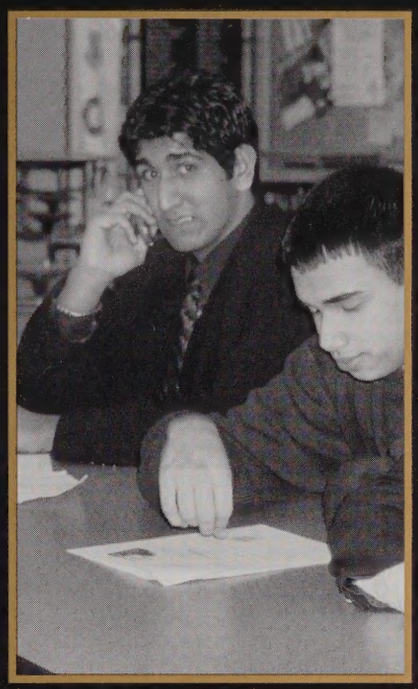

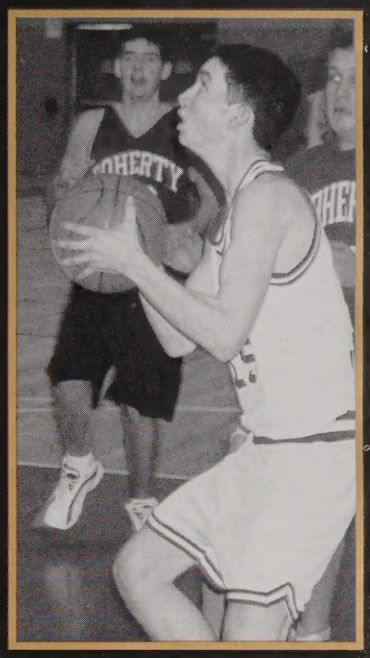

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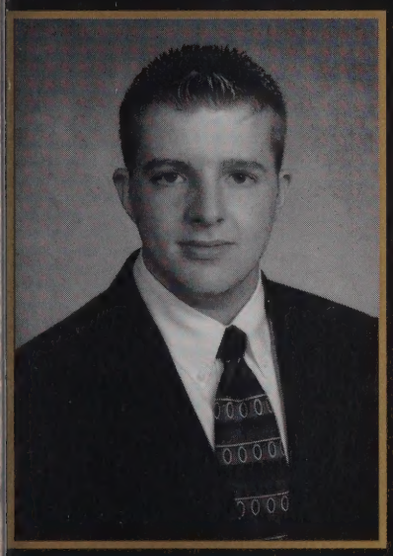

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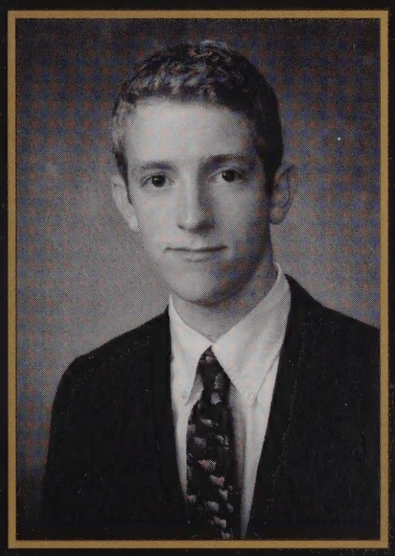

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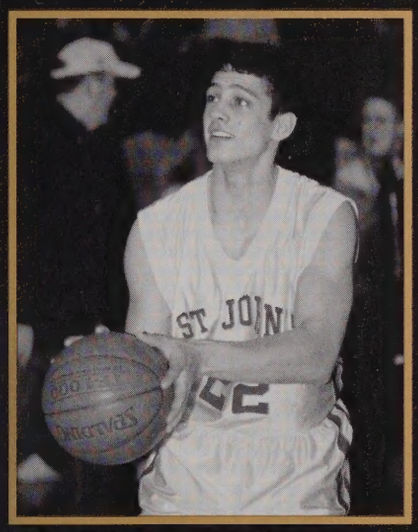

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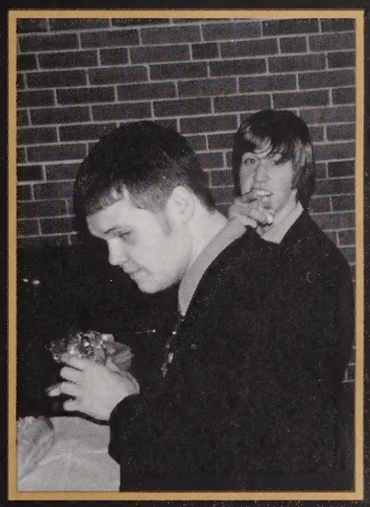

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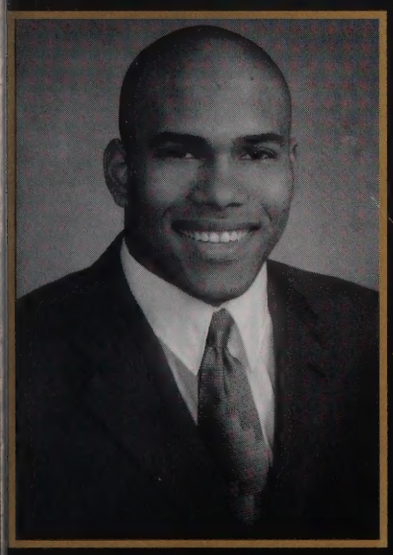

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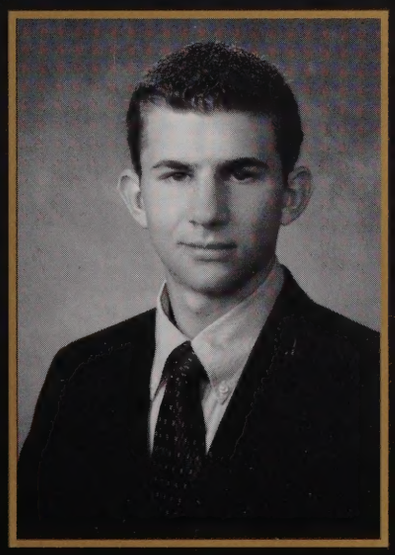

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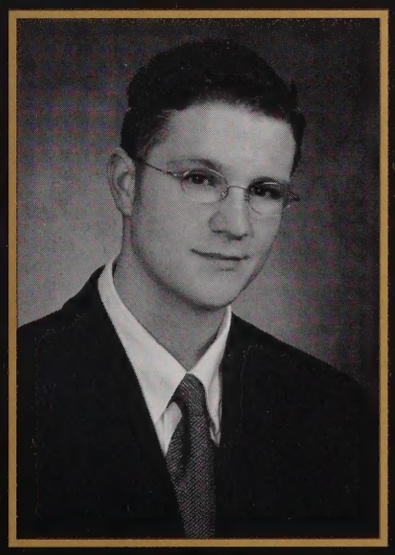

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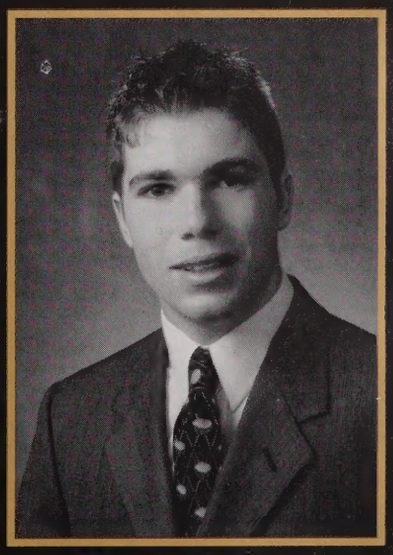

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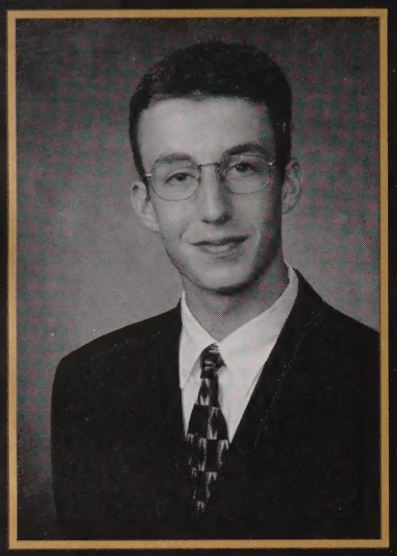

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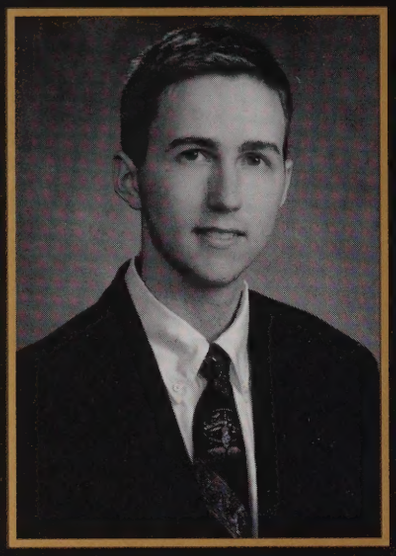

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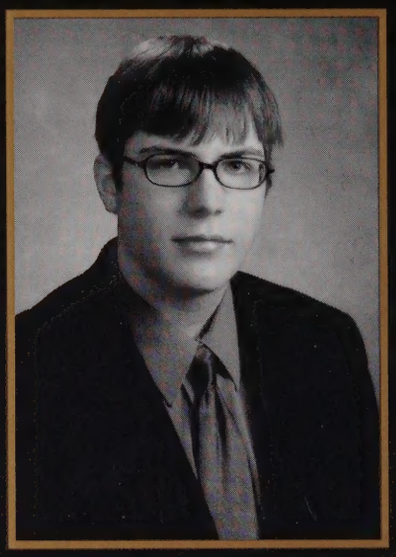

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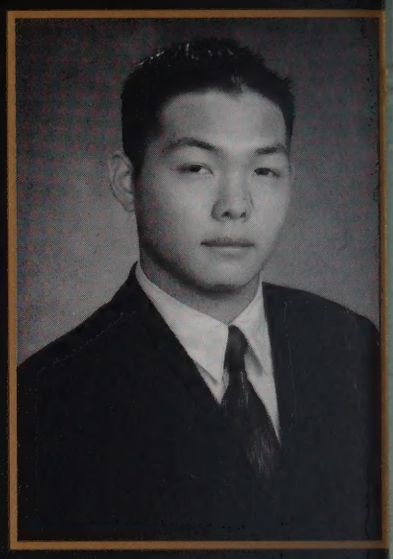

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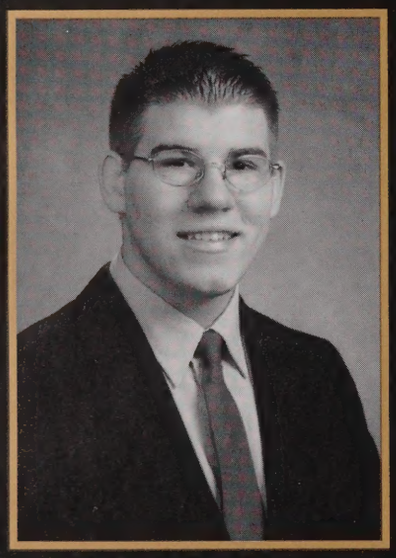

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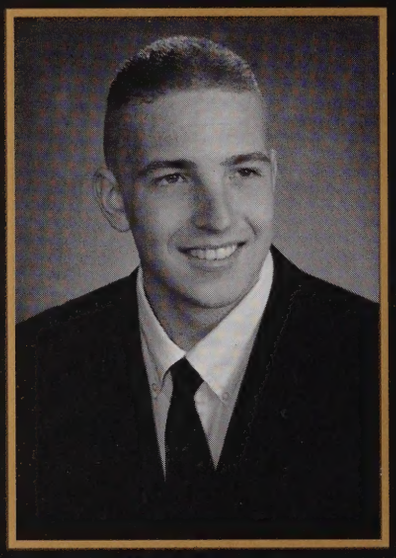

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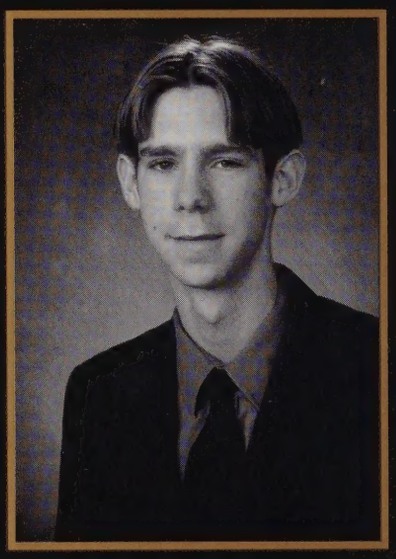

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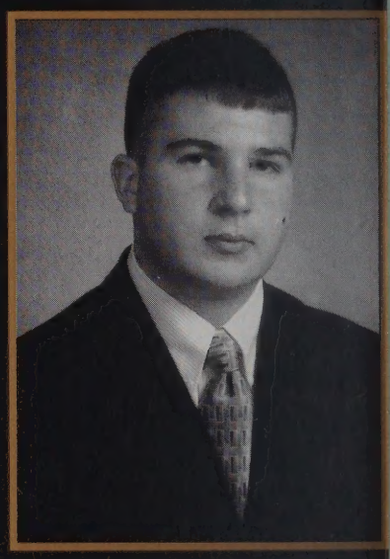

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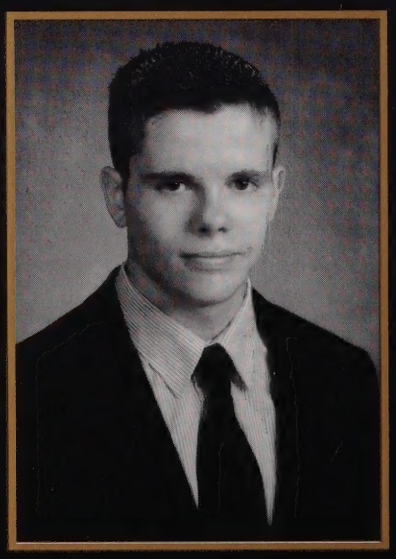

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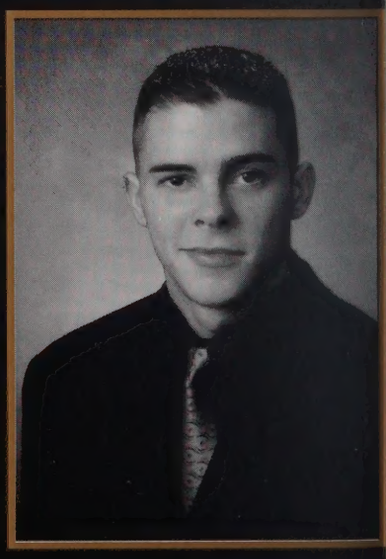

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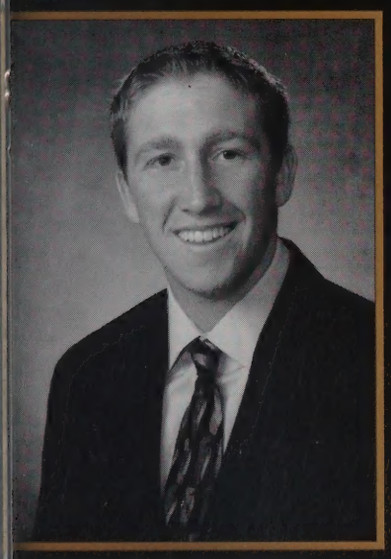

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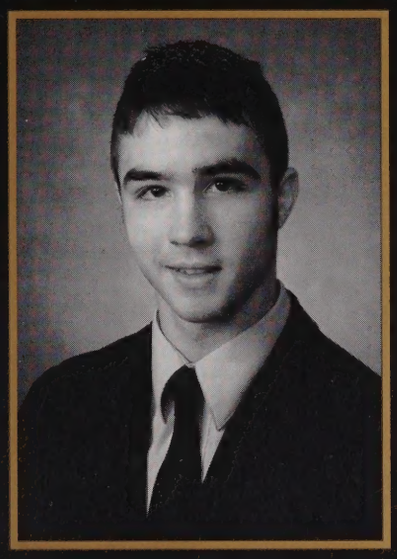

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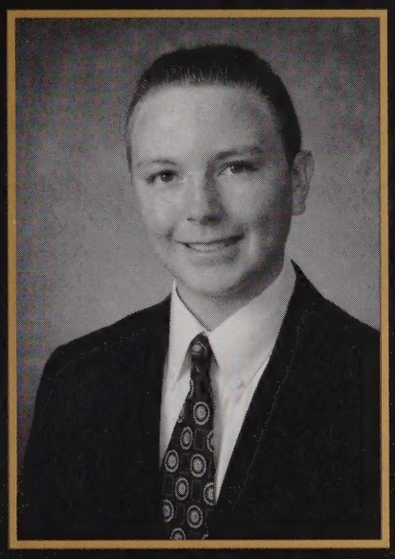

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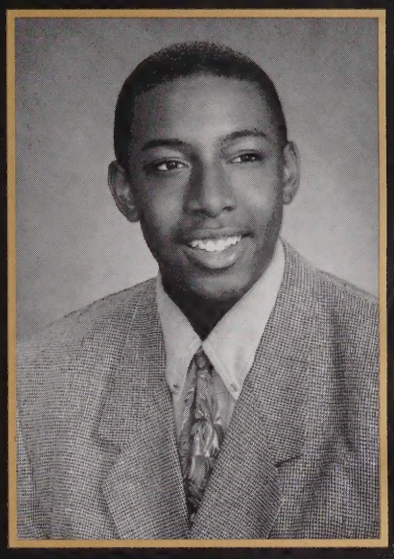

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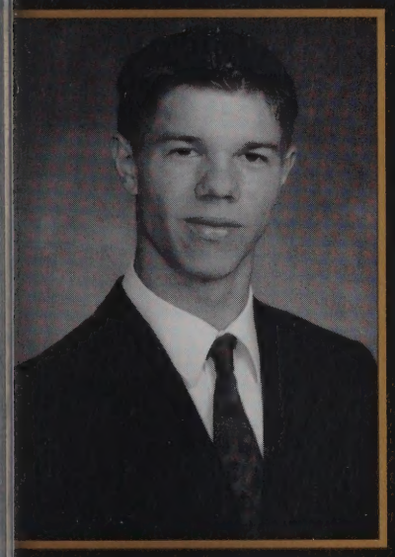

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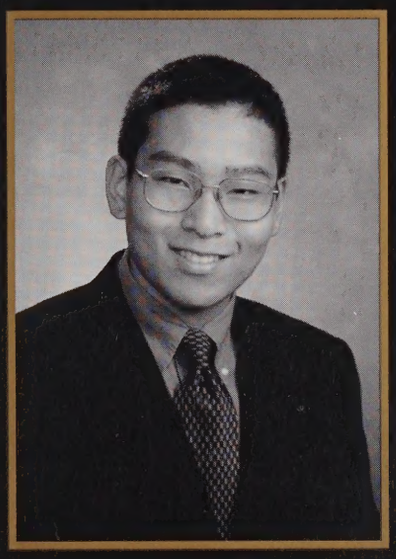

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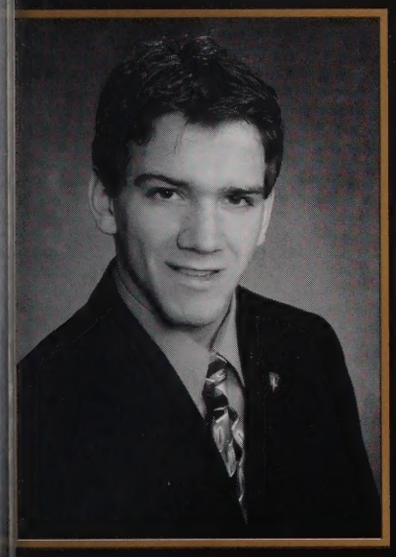

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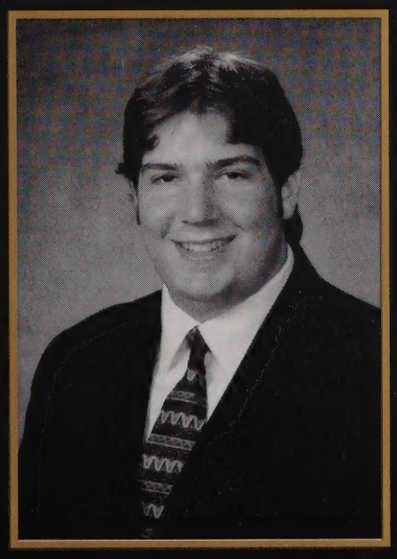

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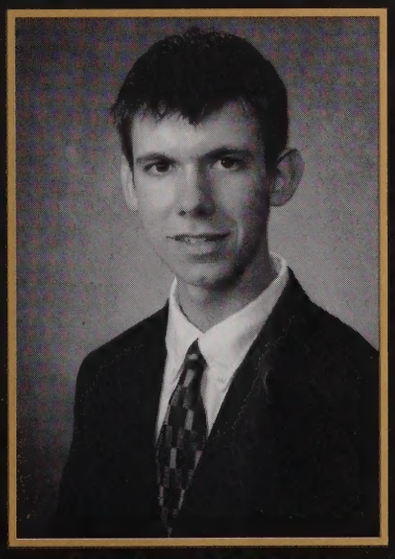

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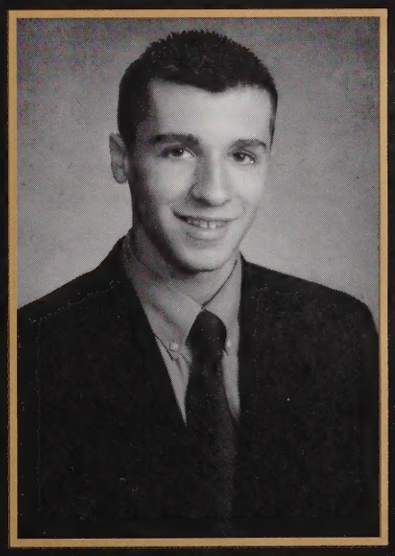

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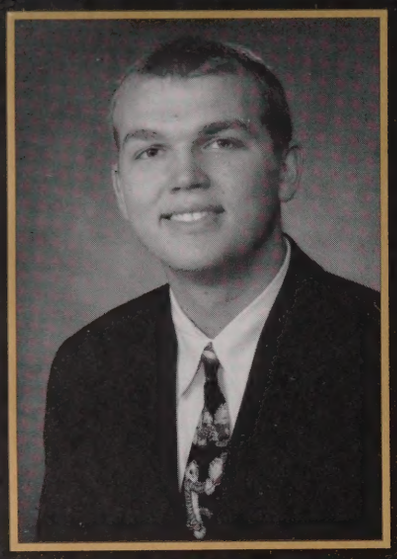

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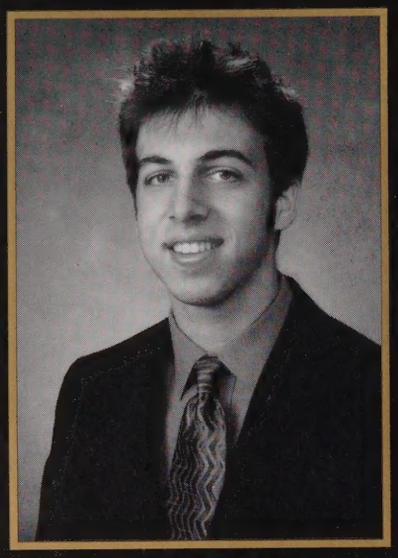

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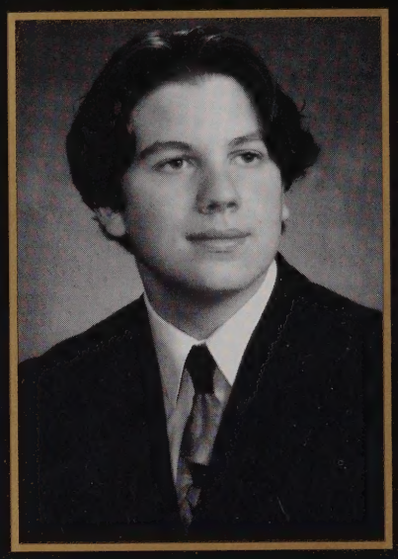

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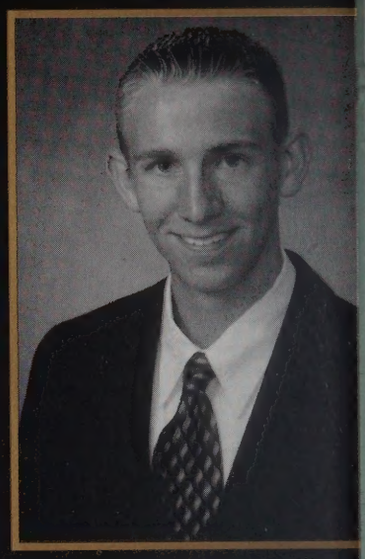

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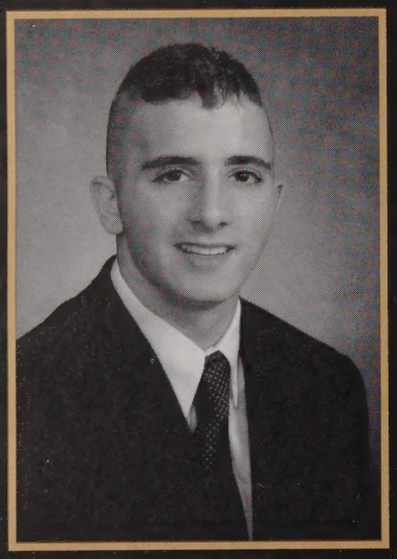

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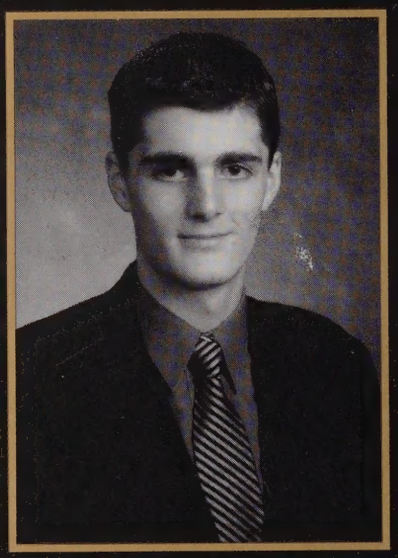

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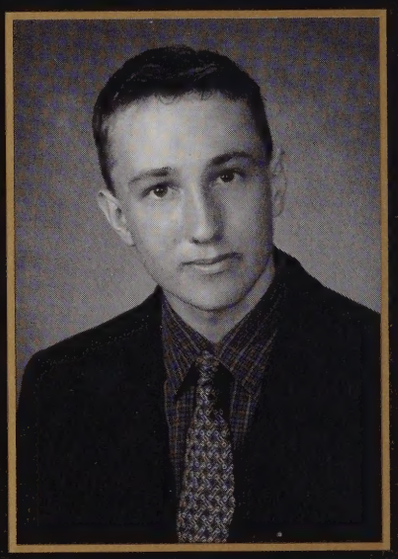

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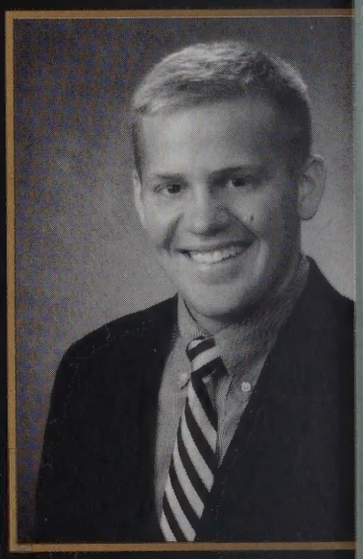

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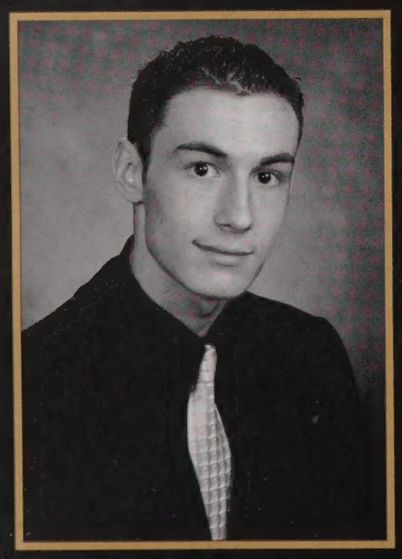

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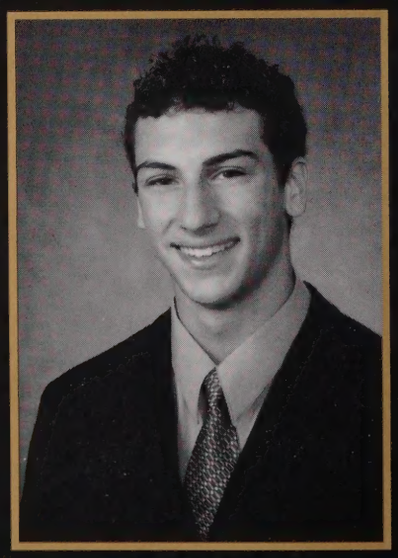

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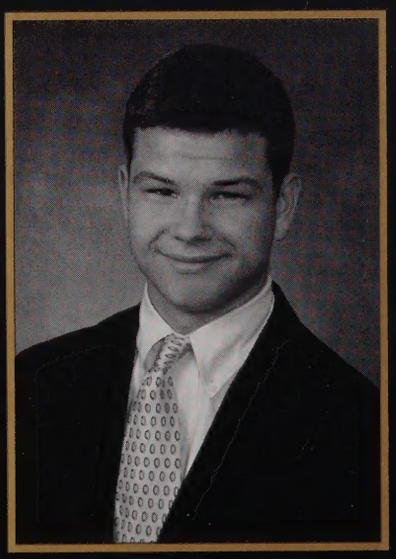

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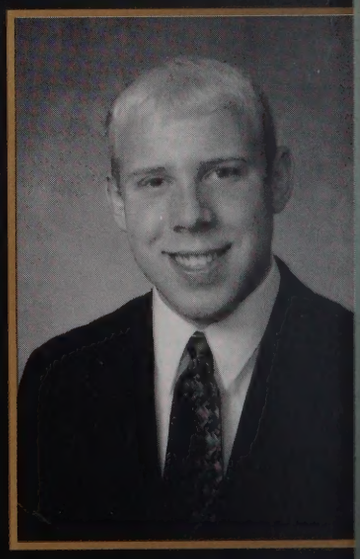

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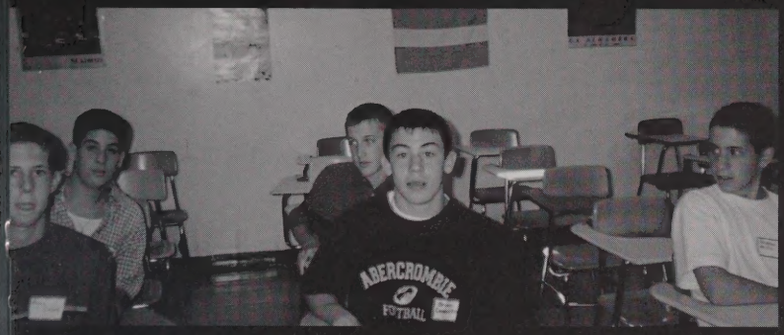
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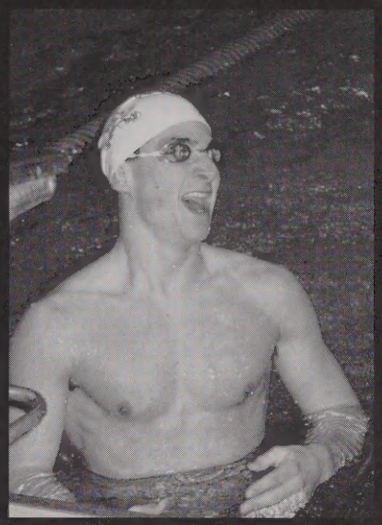

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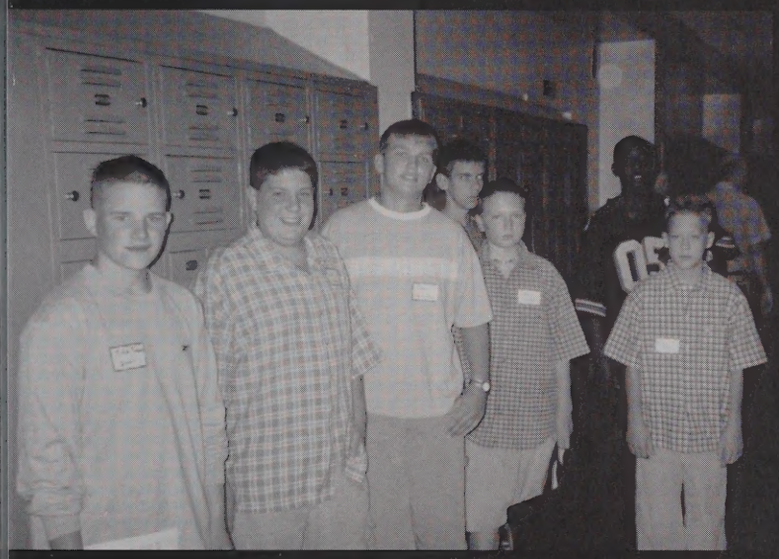

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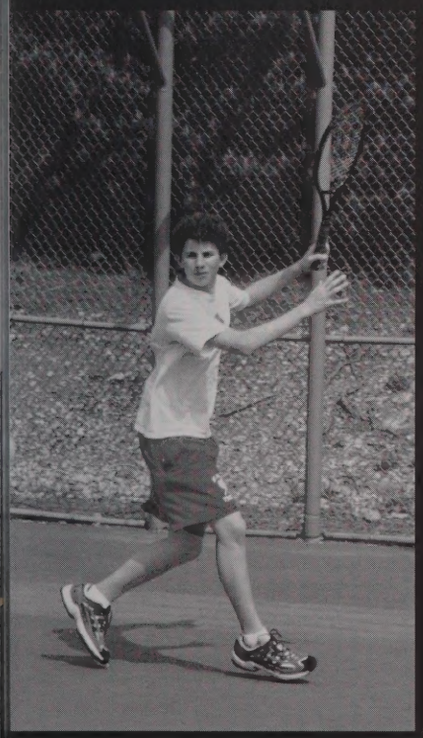

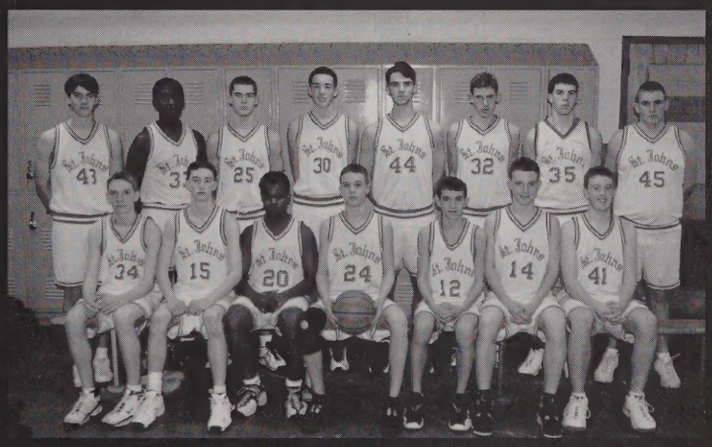
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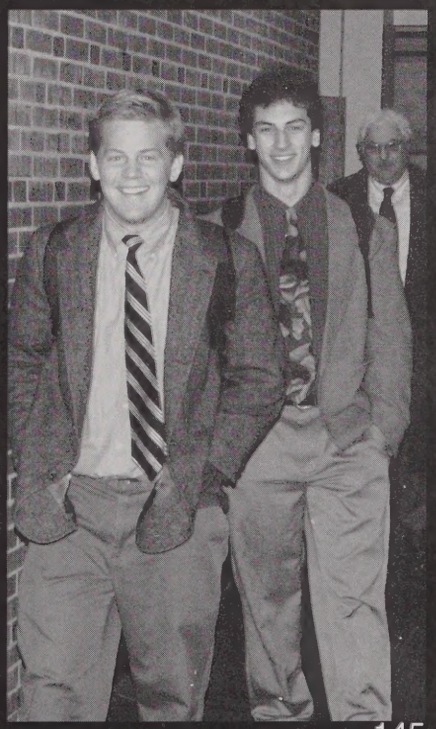
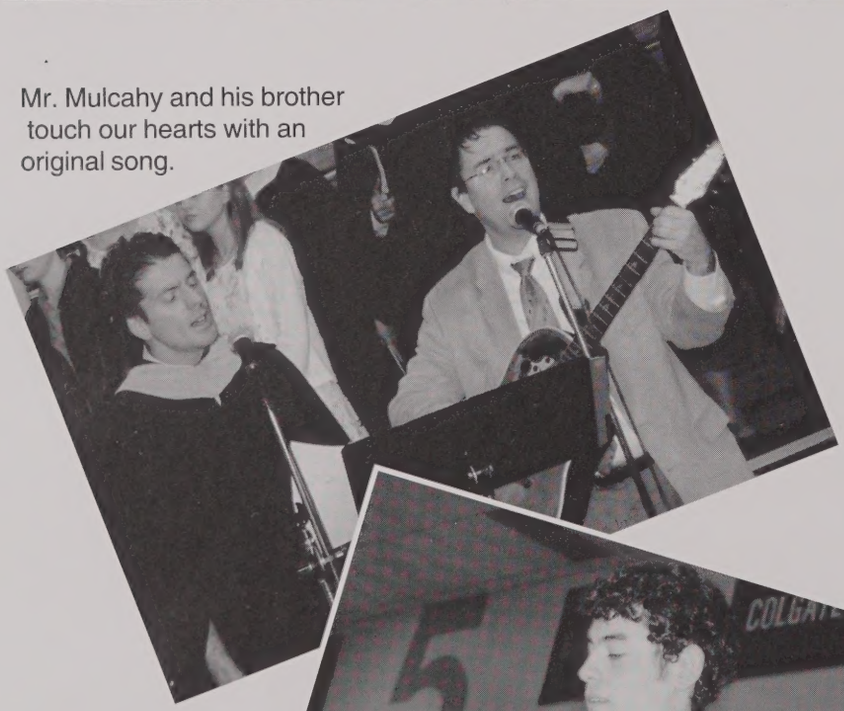




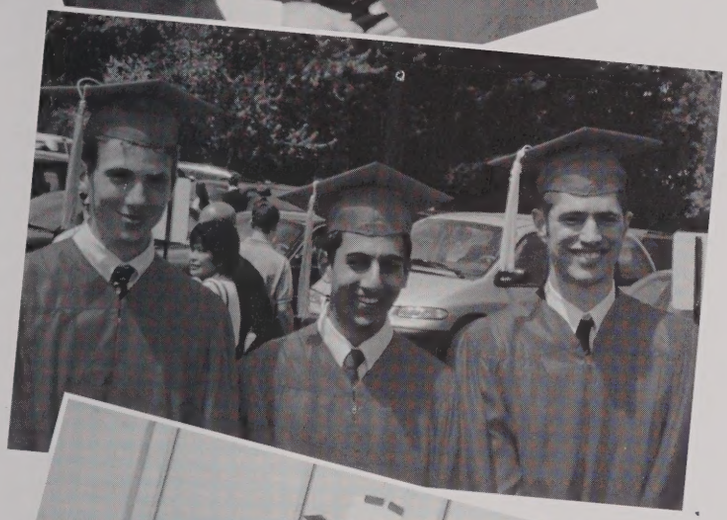
Mr. Mulcahy and his brother touch our hearts with an original song.

Ryan Foley does the First Reading.

GRADUATION 2003

Michael Salerno receives the Xaverian Award from the Headmaster, Michael Welch.

The 2003 Commencement Exercises were held on Sunday, May 18th at The College of the Holy Cross. It was a beautiful sunny day and approximately 3,000 relatives and friends attended the ceromony to share the joy of the Class of 2003. Bishop Daniel P. Reilly was the principal celebrant and was joined by concelebrant Rev. Edward Niccolls '66. Michael Salerno was the recipient of the Xaverian Award. Jonathan Collette was the recipient of the Award for Academic Excellence. In his inspired valedictory speech, Jon Collette said: "We have grown as individuals with personal convictions and critical eyes to the outside world, yet we are also keenly aware of the support and sense of purpose derived from being members of the school community...We think of ourselves not just as a class but as a team, and whenever we meet other Pioneers outside of school...we are instantly filled with one powerful emotion: belonging."



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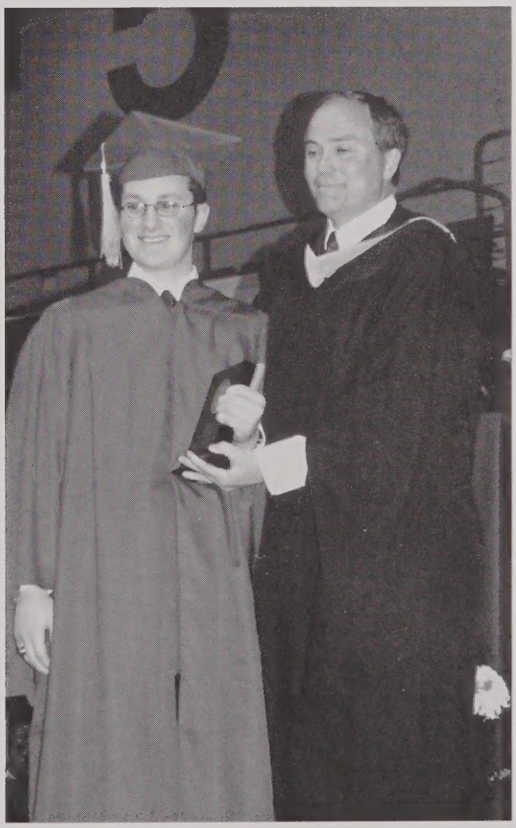

Jonathan Collette, recipient of the Award for Academic Excellence

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Penn State University
Thomas J. Ancona
University of Chicago
Peter K. Anderson
Trinity College
Christopher M. Anthony
Stonehill College
John T. Archibald
Boston College
Kirk E. Atamian
Bentley College
Andrew J. Atchue
Quinnipiac University
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Wagner College
Charles J. Bacon
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U .S. Marine Corps
Christopher R. Belisle
Stetson University
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Mass College of Art
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Mass Maritime Academy
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Quinsigamond Community College
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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Thai Motorists Get Massages

Thailand's Health Ministry announced plans to provide free massage services at more than 20 gas stations on major inter-city highways and around the capital city of Bangkok. The initiative was meant to relieve motorists' stress and decrease the number of highway deaths.

Death Not An Option

Mayor Gil Bernardi, of the French Mediterranean town, Le Lavandou, banned local residents from dying after a court order rebuffed his plans to develop a new seaside cemetery. Bernardi found the edict to be "remarkably well followed," as he awaited a decision on his appeal.

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Trans-Atlantic Jet Setter

Spanish Count Alvaro de Marichalar set a world record by completing a 5,200-mile, four-month journey across the Atlantic on a jet ski. Marichalar trained for a year before setting out from Rome for Miami on a nine-foot watercraft with a support ship and crew of six bringing up the rear.

Nation Loses Time

It is a common complaint that there is not enough time in a day; however, for the people of Venezuela time is actually slipping away. Clocks in that country are ticking too slowly because a nationwide power shortage is weakening the electric current. Each day, electric clocks lose 150 seconds.

WOR

Former President Jimmy Carter was awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to further human rights and democracy, find peaceful solutions to world conflicts and encourage economic and social growth. After serving as president from 1977 to 1981, Carter founded the Carter Center, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the human condition. ▼

The Miss World competition was moved from Nigeria's capital, Abuja, to London after violent protests broke out in Nigeria. The protests began after a Nigerian newspaper printed an article that questioned why Mohammed would not have approved of the Miss World competition and said he probably would have married one of the contestants. ▶

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Nearly 200 people died after a bomb was detonated in a popular tourist area in Bali. Terrorist network al Qaeda claimed responsibility on its website for the bombing. The act of terrorism severely hurt the Indonesian island's economy as tourists traveled to alternate destinations. ▶

AP Photo

Two Guatemalan twins who had been joined together at the tops of their heads returned home five months after doctors separated them in a 22-hour operation. Healing the Children, a nonprofit organization, arranged for the girls and their parents to come to Los Angeles for the surgery, and the doctors donated their services. ▼

Jury trials returned to most Russian courtrooms for the first time in 85 years as a result of legislation passed through parliament by supporters of President Vladimir Putin. The law amends the criminal code with 3,500 changes that emulate the Western model of a fair trial.

Nearly 1,000 people died when a Senegalese ferry traveling off the coast of Gambia capsized and sank. Investigators said overloading was the key cause of the disaster, which occurred when passengers moved to one side of the ship to take cover during a storm.

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In a historic speech before the Italian parliament, Pope John Paul II strongly urged Italians to have more children to turn the tide against the nation's declining rate of birth. He also called on government officials to show prisoners leniency, when appropriate, by reducing their sentences.

hot off the wire

Violence raged in the Ivory Coast after rebels failed in their coup attempt and took control of the northern part of the country. After the northern rebels signed a truce with the government, new rebels attempted to take control of the west. Hundreds of people died during the year, and more than 600,000 fled their homes. ▶

Photo by Pascal Le Segre

Tensions were high after North Korea began to use one of the nuclear reactors it had agreed to shut down in 1994. North Korea claimed it had to restart its nuclear program to provide power because the United States had stopped sending the country shipments of fuel oil. The U.S. said it only stopped shipping oil after North Korea started to work on its nuclear weapons program. ◀

Photo by Scott Nelson/Getty Images

How do you think going to war with Iraq would affect your daily life?

1. Some things, but not many	66.3%
2. Every part	21.7%
3. It wouldn't	12%

LD NEWS

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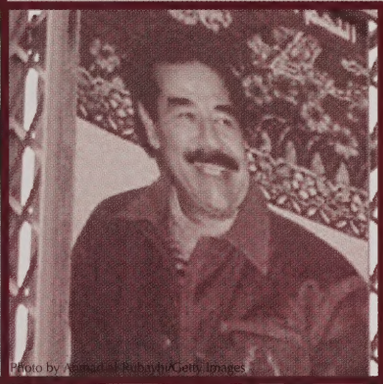

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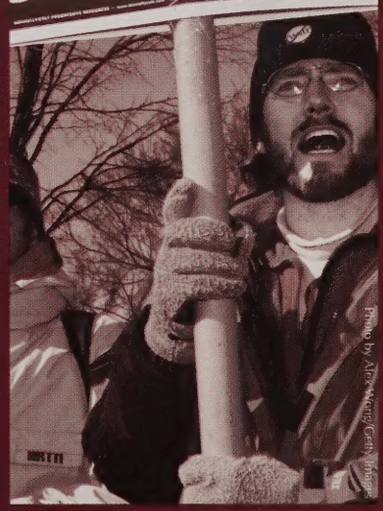
Hu Jintao, who has plans to help China's poor, took over as China's Communist party chief from Jiang Zemin in the Communists' first orderly succession since 1949. China also allowed the United Nations unconditional access to investigate its treatment of human rights, a move the United States said meant China was sincere about improving its human rights record. ▲



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A raid on a theater in Moscow proved deadly for more than 100 people after the Russian government pumped gas into the building to end the three-day hostage situation. The gas was intended to subdue the Chechen hostage-takers, who were holding 800 people; however, some of the hostages died because they were weakened by hunger and exhaustion. ◀

Concerned that Iraq could assemble nuclear weapons, the United Nations required Iraq to disclose and disarm its weapons of mass destruction. While the United Nations conducted weapon inspections in Iraq, the United States prepared to go to war.

Questions remained about how long the weapon inspections would take and thousands of people protested the war in more than 220 cities around the country on a weekend in January.

Meanwhile, the U.S. sent almost as many aircraft carriers and troops into the Persian Gulf as were there during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

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SPECIAL ON IRAQ

THE WAR ON TERRORISM

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Memorial services were held around the country on the anniversary of Sept. 11, which President George W. Bush proclaimed Patriot Day. One year after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the sluggish American economy still felt the effects. News about Afghanistan diminished, but al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden were still in the news. Debate continued about what should be built at the Ground Zero site, and colleges were asked to turn over personal information about their foreign students and teachers to the FBI.

The country continued to pursue Osama bin Laden and other threats to national security in its War on Terror. Sometimes the war was subtle, and sometimes it was very noticeable. The Immigration and Naturalization Service began to fingerprint and photograph men who entered the United States from 18 Middle Eastern countries. Bush signed a Homeland Security bill into law that created a new federal department devoted to preventing future attacks and allowed commercial airline pilots to carry guns.

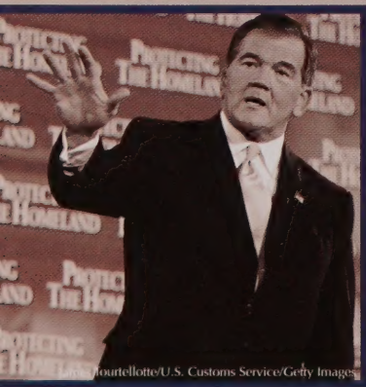
The director of the FBI announced that his organization had thwarted almost 100 terrorist attacks since Sept. 11, 2001. He said some of the attacks were intended for U.S. targets.

John Allen Muhammed and John Lee Malvo were accused of carrying out a string of sniper shootings that killed 10 people and wounded three others during a three-week period in the Washington, D.C., area. Victims, who were selected at random during the killing spree, ranged in age from 13 to 72. ▶

AP Photo/Guy Walter

Nine Pennsylvania miners emerged one-by-one from a small, dark, flooded chamber 240 feet below the surface after being trapped for more than three days. The ordeal began when water from an adjacent abandoned mine burst through a breached wall and filled the shaft in which they were working. Rescuers worked around the clock to free the men, who surfaced relatively unscathed. ▲

The Roman Catholic Church was immersed in a scandal involving forbidden sex and molestation, as well as widespread cover-ups at the hands of some of its most prominent officials. At the center of it all was the Boston Archdiocese, where Cardinal Bernard Law resigned under pressure from allegations that he withheld knowledge of priests sexually abusing children. ▶



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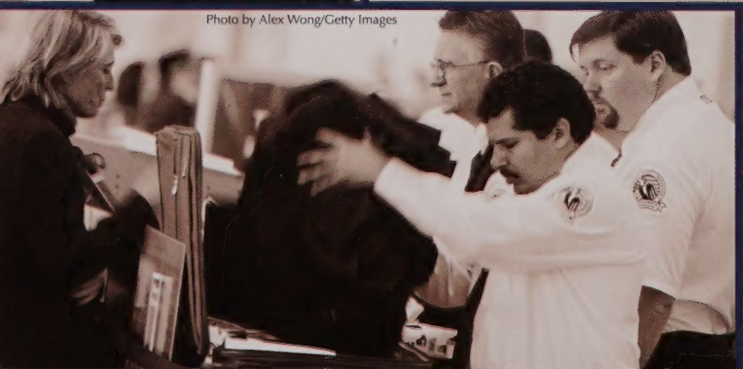

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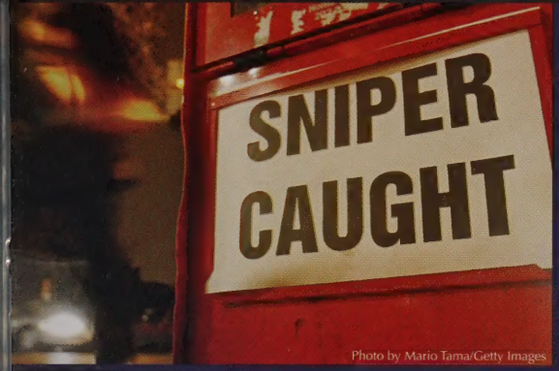
The West Nile virus captured the nation's attention during the summer as it spread from coast to coast. The mosquito-transmitted virus, which leads to fever, head and body aches, and sometimes encephalitis or meningitis, killed approximately 250 citizens in 2002. ▶



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Seven astronauts perished when the Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart over central Texas as it reentered the atmosphere. The tragedy occurred less than 20 minutes before the planned landing at the Kennedy Space Center. An investigation into the cause of the accident initially centered on possible damage to the craft's protective tiles from flying debris during takeoff. ▼

Not What We Had In Mind

Jersey City, N.J., officials held an anniversary tribute to Sept. 11 victims, where they planned to release a flock of doves at a downtown ceremony. Since all dove suppliers were sold out, they decided to use pigeons instead. The solemn ceremony was interrupted when the birds, having been caged most of their lives, flew around erratically and careened into the crowd.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

AP Photo/NASA

Highly publicized stories of missing children prompted talk of a nationwide Amber Alert system. The system, already in place in several states, is used to broadcast descriptions of missing children and their abductors over radio, TV and electronic highway signs. Some parents considered buying devices like the global positioning watch for their children as a precaution. ▼

There's A Monkey In My Pants!

California environmentalist Robert Cusack was arrested on smuggling charges when customs officials found a pair of pygmy monkeys in his pants. Further inspection revealed that Cusack, who was returning from a trip to Thailand, also had four exotic birds and 50 rare orchids in his suitcase.

Tim Boyle/Getty Images

The economy, still trying to re-build itself after Sept. 11, continued to struggle. Millions of Americans were out of jobs as the national unemployment rate hit an eight-year high. Holiday shoppers spent less than economists expected, and a record number of people lost their homes when they could not make their mortgage payments. ◀

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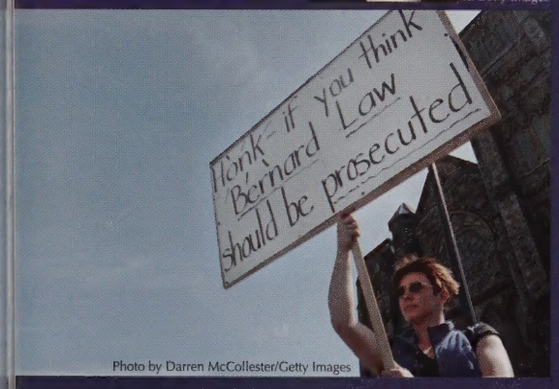

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Accounting scandals continued this year as WorldCom replaced Enron as the nation's largest bankruptcy. Thousands of workers lost their jobs and retirement savings because of the scandals, and the SEC began requiring that CEOs verify financial statements for their publicly held companies to boost investor confidence. Officers whose statements were found incorrect could face criminal charges and possible jail time. ▶

AP Photo/Rogelio Solis

A man who had been adrift at sea for four months was rescued by the crew of a U.S. Navy ship after he was spotted near Costa Rica by a military aircraft. Richard Van Pham, the 62-year-old man, said he survived by drinking rainwater he collected in a bucket and eating fish and seagulls. He had only intended to take a short sailing trip, but the wind broke his mast, and his radio quit working. ▲

AL NEWS

AP Photo/Danny Gardner

Sixty of Chicago's public schools received $10,000 as part of a new system of incentives that focuses on raising test scores. The program is part of the district's new system of accountability, which before had sanctioned schools that performed poorly on the tests.

Wildfires wreaked havoc on the western United States, destroying double the number of acres than in the previous worst year. One of the largest of these fires was in Colorado, where a U.S. Forest Services worker admitted to starting an enormous blaze while burning a letter from her estranged husband.

Did you watch the first season of American Idol?

a) Every week 19%
b) Once in awhile 33.1%
c) Never 48%

AP Photo/Lucy Nicholson

Kelly Clarkson was voted the first American Idol and won a $1 million recording contract in the summer's most-watched TV show. The show's success spawned talent searches on other major TV networks, as well as a second season of *American Idol*, a book and a movie. ◀▶

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David James/Miramax Films

Chicago danced its way to 13 Oscar nominations, more than any other film in the 2003 Academy Award race. The musical earned the coveted Best Picture nomination and acting nominations for four of its stars, including lead actress Renee Zellweger, supporting actresses Catherine Zeta-Jones and Queen Latifah, and supporting actor John C. Reilly. Director Rob Marshall was also nominated. ◀

Martin Scorsese's epic *Gangs of New York* grabbed a second highest 10 Oscar nominations, including Best Picture and Best Director, in the 2003 Academy Award race. Lead actor Daniel Day-Lewis earned a nomination and the movie also earned Oscar nods for Best Original Screenplay, Best Cinematography and Best Original Song, U2's *The Hands That Built America*. ▶

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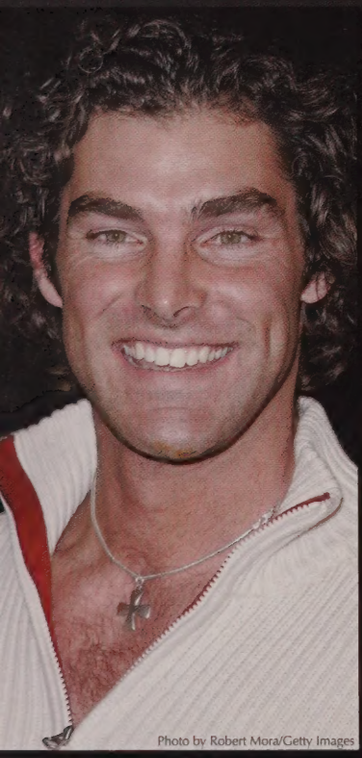
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It was a year of sequels as *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* and *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* hit theaters. *The Two Towers* outperformed its predecessor in its opening weekend, and later earned six Oscar nominations. *The Chamber of Secrets* was on target to match the success of the first Harry Potter movie. ▼▶

New Line Cinema

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Even more television airtime was devoted to the reality TV bandwagon this year. Reality series debuts this year included *Joe Millionaire*, which had the highest-scoring new series debut of the season, *The Bachelorette*, *The Osbournes*, and *High School Reunion*. ▲

What was your favorite movie this school year?

1. *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*
2. *8 Mile*
3. *XXX*

Spiderman sold a record number of DVDs the first weekend it was available in stores. The movie also broke the record for biggest opening weekend ever in theaters, a record previously held by *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. ▲

My Big Fat Greek Wedding, a romantic comedy about a Greek woman who falls for a non-Greek man, became the biggest independent film release ever in the U.S. The movie cost only $5 million to make and grossed more than $200 million at the box office. ▼▶

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Celebrity Stalker For President

Nicole Kidman found herself facing a $200-million defamation lawsuit filed by a man accused of stalking her. Matthew Hooker, who had been placed under a restraining order for his harassment of the actress, claimed the stalker label was detrimental to his 2004 presidential campaign.

Photo by Sebastian Artz/Getty Images

What was your favorite TV show this school year?

1. *Friends*
2. *The Simpsons*
3. *The Osbournes*

Don't Blame The Winston Man

Raymond Leopold, the *Winston Man* model who appeared in cigarette ads in the late 70s, filed a federal lawsuit, seeking $65 million in punitive damages from the R.J. Reynolds Co. Leopold cited the remorse and stress he has suffered from the role he played in contributing to smoking-related illnesses in people influenced by the ads.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

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Nature In Swimsuits

National Geographic made headlines when it released its first swimsuit issue, albeit not as revealing as one competitor's annual look at the scantily clad. A special collector's edition sold only on newsstands, the issue chronicled the swimsuit over the last 100 years.

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◀ A few surprises took place at the 54th Annual Emmy Awards as some old favorites and a newcomer won trophies for television excellence. *Friends* finally took home the prize for Best Comedy after eight years and four nominations, while star Jennifer Aniston won her first Emmy as Lead Actress in a Comedy. Michael Chiklis grabbed the Lead Actor in a Drama award for his role on FX's *The Shield*. Another big winner was NBC's *The West Wing* with four Emmys, including Best Drama. HBO and NBC received the most honors with each earning 24 awards. In addition, Oprah Winfrey was honored with the first Bob Hope Humanitarian Award which was established to recognize Hope's pioneering and humanitarian efforts. ▼

The Osbourne family, with a smash reality TV hit after its first season on MTV, seemed to be everywhere in 2002 with merchandising and book deals totaling in excess of $20 million. Along the way, *The Osbournes* won an Emmy, the family hosted the 30th Annual American Music Awards, Ozzy was honored with a Hollywood Walk of Fame star, and Kelly recorded her first album. ▲

Spies and espionage were all the rage on TV with shows like FOX's *24* starring Kiefer Sutherland and ABC's *Alias* with Jennifer Garner. Both in their sophomore seasons, the shows captured a wide audience and consistently finished strong in the weekly Nielsen ratings.

Die Another Day became the biggest-opening James Bond movie ever, earning an estimated $47 million its first weekend to break the record previously held by *The World is Not Enough*. The film starred Pierce Brosnan as James Bond and Oscar-winner Halle Berry as a female agent. ◀

After a 16-month hiatus, HBO's smash mob hit, *The Sopranos*, returned for its fourth season. The delay was attributed mainly to creator David Chase's meticulous crafting of every show, from script to music to final edit. Meanwhile, Chase hinted that the fifth season might be the show's last.

First-time novelist Alice Sebold conquered the New York Times best-seller list with *The Lovely Bones*, which hit number one and stayed on the list for more than 30 weeks. A tale of rape and murder, readers found the story to be less about tragedy and more about the resiliency of the human spirit.

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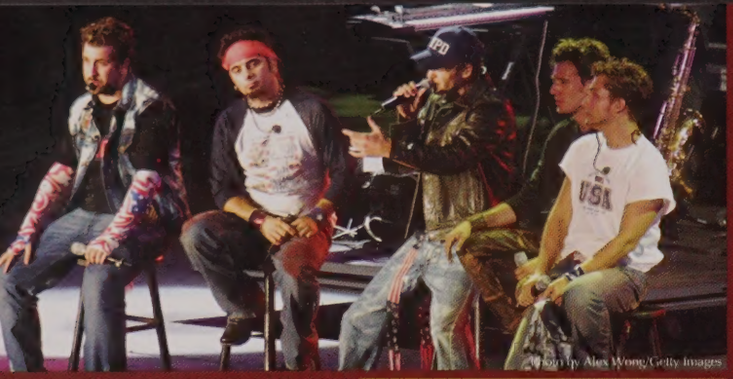
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Each member of 'NSync tried a project on his own. Justin Timberlake released a solo album, Joey Fatone performed in a Broadway musical, Chris Kirkpatrick designed clothes, Lance Bass trained for a Russian space mission, and JC Chasez began recording his own album. ◀▶

R&B vocalist Ashanti took home eight trophies from the Billboard Music Awards, winning each category for which she was nominated. She was also named the best new pop/rock and hip-hop/R&B artist at the American Music Awards and Choice Breakout Artist at the Teen Choice Awards. Ashanti also received five Grammy Award nominations. ▼▶

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What was your favorite album this school year?

1. *The Eminem Show*
2. *Nellyville*
3. *8 Mile*

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It Kind Of Sounds The Same

The British musical group The Planets introduced a 60-second piece of silence on its latest album, creating controversy with representatives of the late composer John Cage, who was credited with writing *433* (273 seconds of silence). Lawyers threatened to sue for violation of copyright, but failed when they could not specify which 60 of the 273 seconds had been copied.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Elvis' Hair Has Left The Building

An anonymous bidder paid more than $115,000 for a large, vacuum-packed lock of Elvis Presley's hair in an online auction hosted by Illinois-based MastroNet Incorporated. The King of Rock's former barber, Homer Gilleland, had collected the hair. He gave it to friend Tom Morgan, who then put it on the auction block.

Christmas Carol Court

Fifty-five traffic violators in Columbia, Tenn., avoided paying fines by belting out their favorite Yuletide carol. Those lucky enough to draw the last court date before Christmas were given the choice of singing a carol and donating five canned goods to a local food bank in exchange for having their tickets dismissed.

George & John Philip To The Rescue

Legendary composers Gershwin and Sousa were enlisted to help the Boston transit police drive away delinquent teens loitering in one of the city's high-traffic subway stations. Authorities began piping in a mix of show tunes and marches to the dismay of area youth, who have since found other places to hang out.

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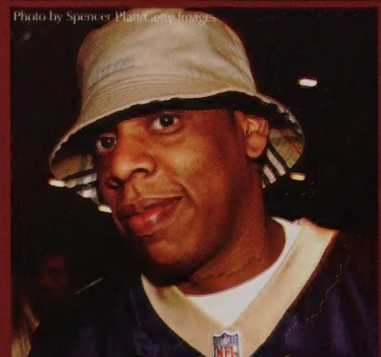
Rapper Jay-Z went back to school as a principal during his 10-city Principal for a Day tour. Local radio contests determined which schools he visited to promote education and his *Blueprint 2* CD. At each of the schools, he performed the daily duties of the principal and spoke to the student body. ▶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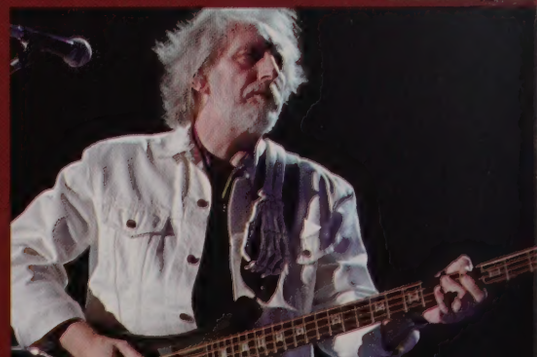
John Entwistle, bass player for The Who, died of a heart attack at age 57 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Also known as Thunderfingers, he died just one day before the group was to begin a North American tour. ▶



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Bruce Springsteen's *The Rising* climbed the charts with stirring songs that focused on the people affected by the Sept. 11 attacks. The tribute album, which was his first studio release of all-new material since 1995, struck a chord with a grieving public and served as a cathartic diversion.

hot off the wire

Columbian superstar Shakira won awards in every category for which she was nominated at the first Latin MTV Video Music Awards, including best female artist, best pop artist, artist of the year, video of the year, and best artist from the north region. The top male artist honors went to Juanes, a folk rock singer from Columbia. ◀▲▶

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Published by Riverhead Books, *Kurt Cobain: The Journals* sparked a whole new debate on the life and death of the troubled, yet influential, musician. An 800-page volume, the book consists of 23 of Cobain's private diaries, written from 1987 up until his suicide in April 1994.

Michael Jackson caused an uproar by dangling his 9-month-old baby off a four-story balcony in Berlin as he greeted fans. The pop star later offered an apology, saying he got caught up in the moment and would never intentionally endanger the lives of his children.

Bee Gees' singer Maurice Gibb died at 53 from a heart attack. Gibb sang with his brothers in the Bee Gees for more than 40 years and also played bass and keyboards for the band. Their soundtrack to the 1977 movie, *Saturday Night Fever*, is often credited with launching the worldwide disco craze. ▶

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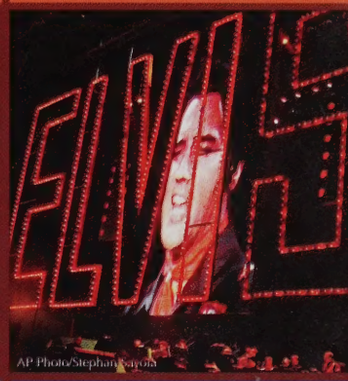
Elvis set a personal record this year, 25 years after his death: he had his first album to debut at number one on the Billboard chart. RCA records released *Elvis 30 #1 Hits* for the 25th anniversary of The King's death, which jumped immediately to number one in the U.S. and 17 other countries. ▶



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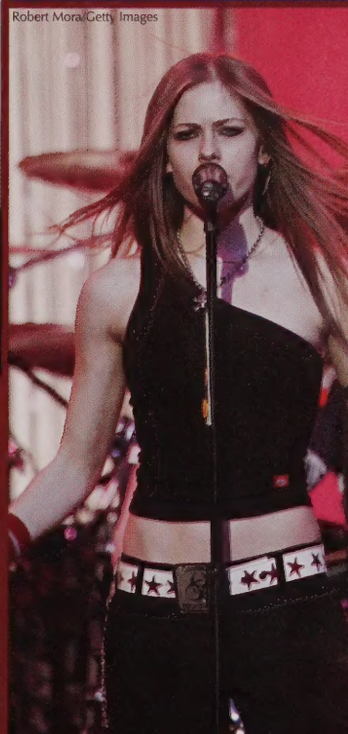
Who was your favorite musical artist or group this school year?

1. Eminem
2. Avril Lavigne
3. Nelly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Jam Master Jay died after a man entered his recording studio and shot him during a recording session. Jay, born Jason Mizell, was 37. Mizell was a founding member of pioneering rap group Run-DMC, which he helped form with Run, Joseph Simmons, and DMC, Darryl McDaniels. ▲

▲ Vanessa Carlton, Avril Lavigne ▶ ◀ and Michelle Branch were the new kind of pop sensations this year as teens turned away from the music popularized by Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera. Lavigne's debut album *Let Go* was the third biggest-selling album of the year, and Lavigne was nominated for five Grammy awards.

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Richard Harris, classically trained actor of stage and film, died at age 72. Already an accomplished performer, he became known to a new generation of moviegoers playing the headmaster Albus Dumbledore in the first two Harry Potter films. ◀▼

Actor Christopher Reeve announced that he could move his wrist, feet and fingers seven years after he was paralyzed in a horseback riding accident. Reeve credited his improvement to years of physical therapy and never giving up. ▶

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Sen. Trent Lott made national headlines after he made comments favoring a presidential candidate who had run his campaign on a platform of segregation. Lott stepped down from serving as the Republican Party's majority leader, and Sen. Bill Frist was voted the new Senate majority leader. ▶

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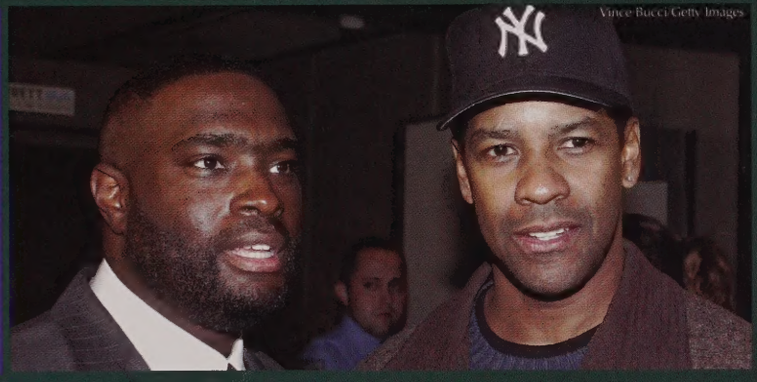
Who was this year's best actor?

1. Vin Disel
2. Mel Gibson
3. Eminem



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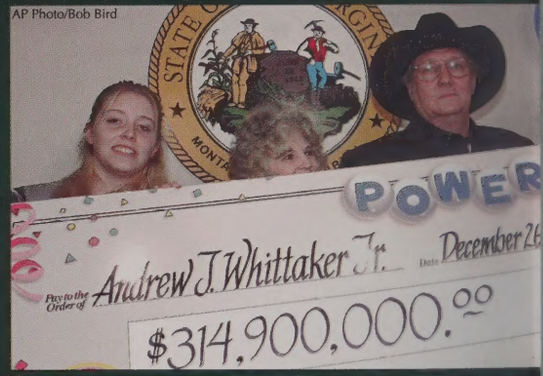
It was a successful year for actor Denzel Washington, who made his debut as a director with *Antwone Fisher*, a film about a foster child confronting his past. Washington was also named *Entertainment Weekly's* Entertainer of the Year. ▲

A 55-year-old West Virginia man won the biggest Powerball jackpot ever. Andrew "Jack" Whittaker opted to receive all his money up front – about $112 million after taxes. Whittaker planned to donate 10 percent of the money to pastors and to rehire employees whom he was forced to layoff earlier in the year. ▶



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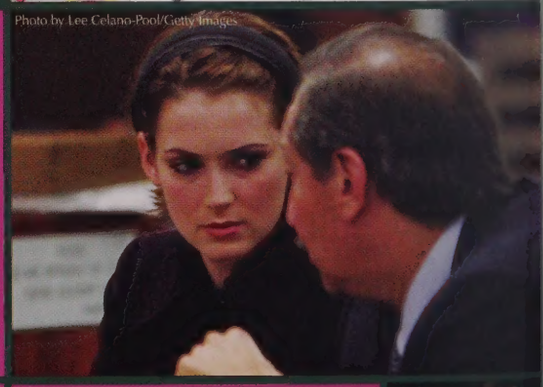
Rap artist Eminem was the year's top-selling musical artist. *The Eminem Show* sold more copies than any other album, and the soundtrack to *8 Mile*, a movie that starred Eminem, came in at number five. *The Eminem Show* won a Grammy as the top Rap Album, as well as received four other nominations. He also won four American Music, two Billboard Music, and four MTV Music Video awards. ▲

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Great-Grandpa Turns In Badge

Milwaukee, Wis., Police Lt. Andrew Anewenter, one of the country's oldest active police officers, retired at the age of 86. The great-grandfather earned a salutation from President George W. Bush for more than six decades of decorated service in law enforcement.



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You Ate How Many?

New York Subway conductor Eric Booker gobbled down 21 baseball-sized matzo balls to set a record and win the 6th Annual Matzo Ball Eating Contest sponsored by a local deli. Booker won a $2,500 gift certificate in the charity event, which benefits metropolitan-area soup kitchens.

Consider That Coaster Conquered

After 104 days of riding one of the largest and fastest roller coasters ever built, Chicago University instructor Richard Rodriguez succeeded in breaking his 15th world record. During his 10-hour days aboard Germany's Expedition GeForce he read newspapers, listened to music and talked on his cell phone.

Some Like It Hot

Inga Kosak bested 80 other contestants from 10 countries to win the first World Extreme Ironing Championship. Participants were judged on their ability to iron under the highest degree of difficulty possible, such as ironing while bouncing on a trampoline, while surfboarding and while hanging upside down from a tree.

Who was this year's best actress?

1. Jennifer Lopez
2. Julia Roberts
3. Halle Berry

The national news media began calling Reese Witherspoon America's Sweetheart after the film *Sweet Home Alabama* broke the record for the biggest-opening for a romantic comedy. The record was previously held by *Runaway Bride*, which starred Julia Roberts. ▼

AP Photo/Chris Pizzello

Time magazine named Cynthia Cooper, Coleen Rowley and Sherron Watkins its Persons of the Year. All three women chose to confront their superiors about cover-ups going on within their organizations, and their efforts were leaked to the media. Cooper let WorldCom know about its phony bookkeeping practices, Rowley told the FBI that it had neglected to look into a potential terror suspect who was later involved in the Sept. 11 attacks, and Watkins informed Enron officials that some of the company's accounting methods were improper. ▲

PEOPLE

A jury found actress Winona Ryder guilty of shoplifting more than $5,500 of clothes from a Beverly Hills' Saks Fifth Avenue store. Ryder's case received ongoing media attention for months. Ryder's sentence included performing 480 hours of community service, attending counseling and paying $10,000 in fines and restitution. ◀

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Fred Rogers, better known as Mister Rogers of the PBS program, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, died at age 74 of stomach cancer. A cultural icon to generations of children, he viewed his shows as a way to reach young people and give them a foundation for a good life. ◀

Lance Bass of 'NSync lobbied to be the first celebrity in space and even began training at the Johnson Space Center. Plans to join a future mission to the International Space Station were derailed when his sponsors were unable to raise the $20 million fare.

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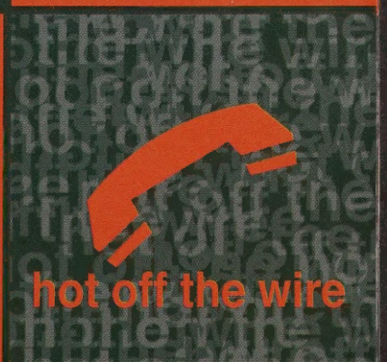
Questions arose about whether Martha Stewart sold ImClone Systems stock based on illegal inside knowledge. Stewart claimed she had no idea the stock's price was soon to fall when she sold it, but a congressional panel continued to investigate Stewart's trades. ◀

Esther Eppie Lederer, otherwise known as advice columnist Ann Landers, died at age 83. A flagship of the Chicago Tribune, the Ann Landers feature was one of the most widely syndicated newspaper columns in the world, appearing in 1,200 papers and reaching nearly 90 million readers daily.



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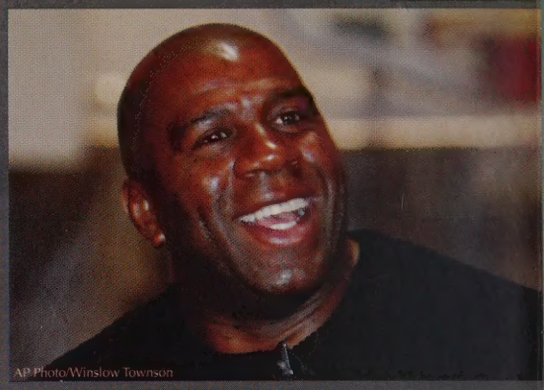
In a single game, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers made up for nearly 20 years of being the NFL's bad joke by routing the favored Oakland Raiders, 48-21, in Super Bowl XXXVII. With the league's number one defense, a much-improved offense and riding the intensity of first-year coach Jon Gruden, the Bucs rolled through the regular season to win the NFC South. They won on the road against Philadelphia in the conference championship game to earn the franchise's first trip to the Super Bowl. In becoming World Champions, Tampa Bay buried the past and helped earn its defense a place as one of the best ever alongside the 2000 Ravens and Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain" of the 1970s. ◀

Former NBA standout Magic Johnson was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. Johnson, who scored more than 17,000 points in the NBA, and led the LA Lakers to five championships, first retired from basketball after he tested positive for HIV in 1991. After returning to play in a few games during the '95-'96 season, he retired again. ▼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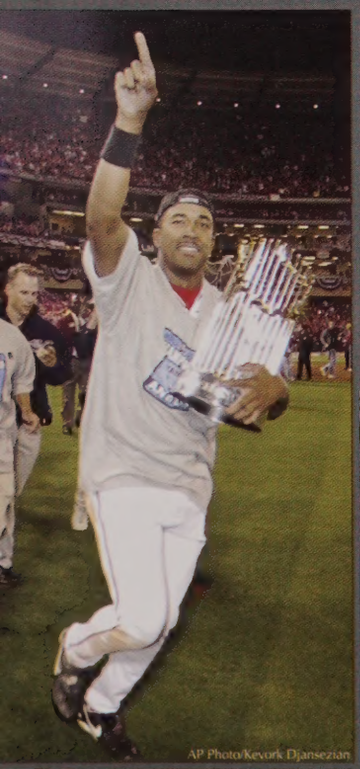
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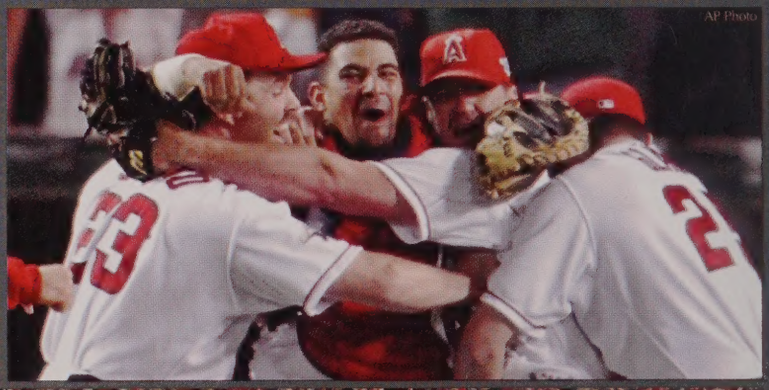
The Anaheim Angels won games six and seven of the all-California World Series, edging out the San Francisco Giants. Threats of a late-season baseball strike had fans wondering whether there would be a series, but the strike was averted with a new labor contract that included a revenue-sharing plan and a drug prevention program. ◀▼▶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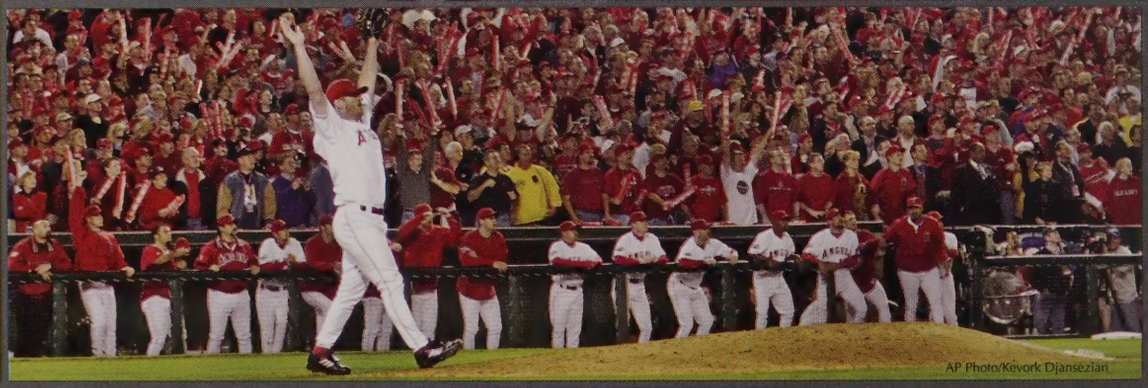
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Hall of Fame quarterback Johnny Unitas died of a heart attack at 69. Unitas was the first to throw for 40,000 yards, and broke nearly every NFL record for his position in his 18-year career. Unitas, who retired in 1973, still holds the record for completing at least one touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games, a record set during the 1959-60 season. ◀

What is your favorite sport to watch?

a. Football 39.9%
b. Basketball 23.8%
c. Baseball 8.4%
d. Soccer 7.6%
e. Wrestling 4.4%

Tennis star Serena Williams continued her extraordinary run with a win in the Australian Open, where she defeated older sister Venus in the finals. It was her fourth-straight Grand Slam victory following wins at the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. She was only the sixth woman ever to win four consecutive majors. ▶

AP Photo/Tony Dejak

Baseball games around the country turned into memorial services on the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11, with American flags flying at half-mast in every ballpark and the words "We Shall Not Forget" lighting up every electronic message board. At 9:11 p.m., all games were suspended for a moment of silence and a video presentation in memory of those who died in the attacks.

AP Photo/George Nikitin

A Devoted Fan, Even In Death

Pittsburgh's Paul Wellener was a lifelong football fan and, thanks to his family, his unbridled passion for the game has followed him even in death. When Wellener, a Steelers season ticket holder for 42 years, died unexpectedly, his family found a fitting marker for his grave: two weathered seats from the Three Rivers Stadium auction.

Let Go Of My Lego!

Somebody has quite a conversation piece — or maybe just a big pile of Legos. Thieves at the annual sports equipment Super Show in Las Vegas made off with a replica Stanley Cup trophy, which was made entirely of 6,000 Lego bricks. The replica cup was on display to promote the company's new line of Lego NHL Hockey sets.

Ouch, That Stings!

Two competitive adult dodge ball leagues have formed in San Francisco during the past year. The first of their kind, the San Francisco Bombardment Society and the Bay Area Blood Warriors schedule matches with rules similar to the popular playground game.

Who was this year's most noteworthy athlete?

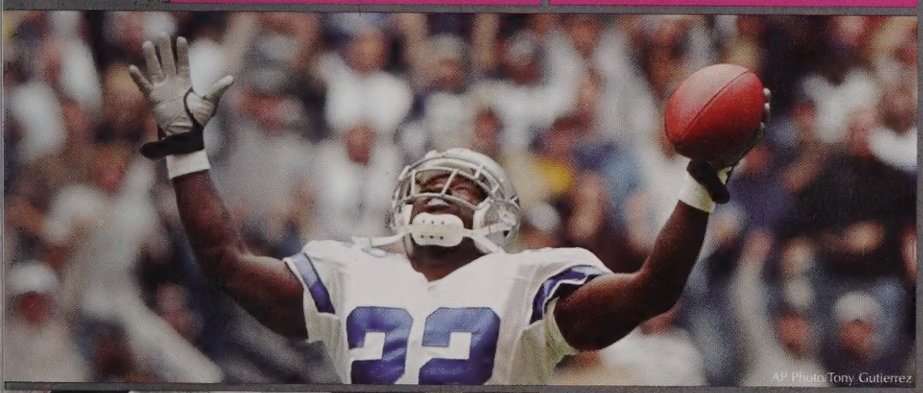
1. Kobe Bryant
2. Alan Iverson
3. Lebron James

That Kid's Got Guts

Rookie defensive end Dennis Johnson of the Arizona Cardinals revealed that he started dominating the gridiron at an early age, beginning his high school football career at age 6. As a 5-foot-7, 170-pound second-grader, Johnson came off the bench to play in several games for Harrodsburg (Ky.) High School going head-to-head with opponents three times older than him.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

The Ohio State Buckeyes won their first college football national championship since 1968 in a double-overtime game in the Fiesta Bowl. The Buckeyes defeated the heavily favored Miami Hurricanes, 31-24, in a game that many national publications touted as the best college football game of all time. The win ended Miami's 34-game winning streak.



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After 13 seasons, Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys holds the National Football League's all-time rushing record, surpassing the late Walter Payton's previous record of 16,726 yards. After the season ended, there was talk that Smith's salary and age would keep him from returning to the team. In February, team owner Jerry Jones released him.

AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill

Ted Williams, baseball's last major league player to bat over .400 in a season, died at 83 of cardiac arrest. News of his death was soon overshadowed by a legal battle between his children, who disagreed about whether his body should be cremated or cryogenically frozen.

Notre Dame's first-year football coach Tyrone Willingham, the first black head coach in school history, led the Fighting Irish to a 10-2 record and a spot in the Gator Bowl. The season included an eight-game winning streak and an impressive turnaround from the previous year's 5-6 record.

Annika Sorenstam completed the most dominant season the LPGA Tour has seen in nearly four decades by winning 13 times around the world, including a major. En route to shattering her own scoring record, the 32-year-old Swede finished out of the top 10 only three times.

AP Photo/Ron Frehm

Although her kick was blocked, Katie Hnida became the first woman ever to play in a Division 1-A football game when she attempted an extra point in the Las Vegas Bowl. Hnida's team, the New Mexico Lobos, lost the game to the UCLA Bruins, 27-13.

Augusta National Chairman Hootie Johnson started a maelstrom of controversy with his angry response to a letter requesting that the prestigious Georgia golf club, home of the Masters Tournament, admit women. Johnson stood firm in his opposition through the resulting media frenzy and criticism.

hot off the wire

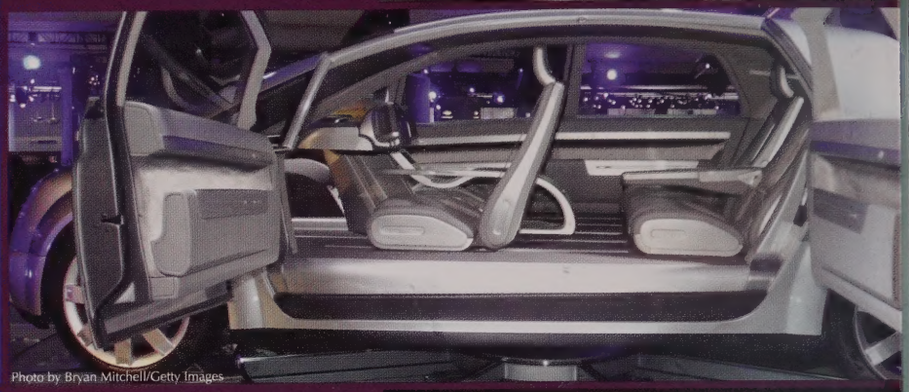
The :-) turned 20 this year. IBM researcher Scott Fahlman first typed the smiley face in an online message in 1982.

Wake up, Sleepyhead! A 16-year-old German student invented a bed with an electric motor that gradually raises the bed's mattress for five minutes after an alarm goes off. After five minutes, the sleepyhead has to get out of bed or be forced onto the floor.

Consumers began to wonder whether hybrid cars would become mainstream after General Motors Corp., the world's largest auto maker, announced it would offer hybrid cars, pickups and sport utility vehicles. Hybrids use a mixture of electricity and gas, making them more fuel-efficient. ▼

FUN FACTS

Researchers found out that duct tape removes warts just as well as freezing them with liquid nitrogen. Just apply, wait six days, remove the tape, soak the area in water, scrape the area with a pumice stone, and apply again. Experts say the tape irritates the warts and triggers the immune system to attack them, and they say this approach does not hurt.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This year, Mississippi became the first state ever to have an online computer in each public school classroom.

Reporters writing about the new James Bond movie *Die Another Day* received self-destructing DVDs to preview the movie's scenes. A letter from the movie's fictional character Q accompanied the discs, warning that the content would only be available for 36 hours. After that, Q wrote, the disc makes a nice coaster.

Companies continued to cram gadgets into cell phones, eliminating the need for people to carry PDAs or computers along with their phones. The new generation of phones can take digital pictures, access the internet, send and receive email and instant messages, and download video games and ring tones. ▶

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TECHNOL

New studies revealed that ribonucleic acid (RNA) is capable of taking charge of the genetic process, commanding gene activity, or even deleting entire sections of DNA. Researchers hope that RNA will play a vital role in the war against cancer and other diseases.

A worm called Sapphire was unleashed on tens of thousands of internet servers, resulting in the shutdown of computer systems, a blackout of automatic teller machines and a bog down of web traffic. The author of the worm, if caught and convicted, could face harsh punishment under new U.S. anti-terror legislation.

The Kroger Company, the country's largest grocery chain, tested finger imaging at three of its Texas stores as a new way for customers to pay for their groceries. When customers signed up for the program, their credit or debit card information was linked to their fingerprint, so they no longer needed to take their wallets to the store. The Penn Cambria district in Pennsylvania allows its students to pay for their lunches in the same manner. It is one of about 35 districts trying the biometric program. Other schools across the nation used the system in their libraries. ▶

A fossil unearthed in Africa was dated at between 6 and 7 million years old, pushing the date of the earliest known human ancestor back more than 3 million years. The nearly complete skull, nicknamed Toumai, had some apelike features, but the shape of its teeth and lower face suggested human ancestry.

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Environmentally friendly cars powered by hydrogen made their debut in Los Angeles when the city's mayor signed a lease for city employees to try five of the cars. Automakers said this was an important first step, but the cars probably will not be sold to the general public for another 10 years. ◀

So That's How It Works

The dynamics of the stadium wave were calculated and published in a scientific journal by a University of Hungary professor. Tamas Vicsek used mathematical models written to study the spread of forest fires and applied them to the wave. His analysis shows it only takes a few dozen fans to trigger a wave. It will move clockwise at a rate of 20 seats per second and is usually about 15 seats wide.

Coloring The Cosmos

Astronomers Karl Glazebrook and Ivan Baldry finally got that nagging "What color is the universe?" question answered. The color is Cosmic Latte. The color-naming contest evolved from the scientists' speculation of what color the universe would be if all its light were taken together. Their initial findings said light green before they finally settled on beige.

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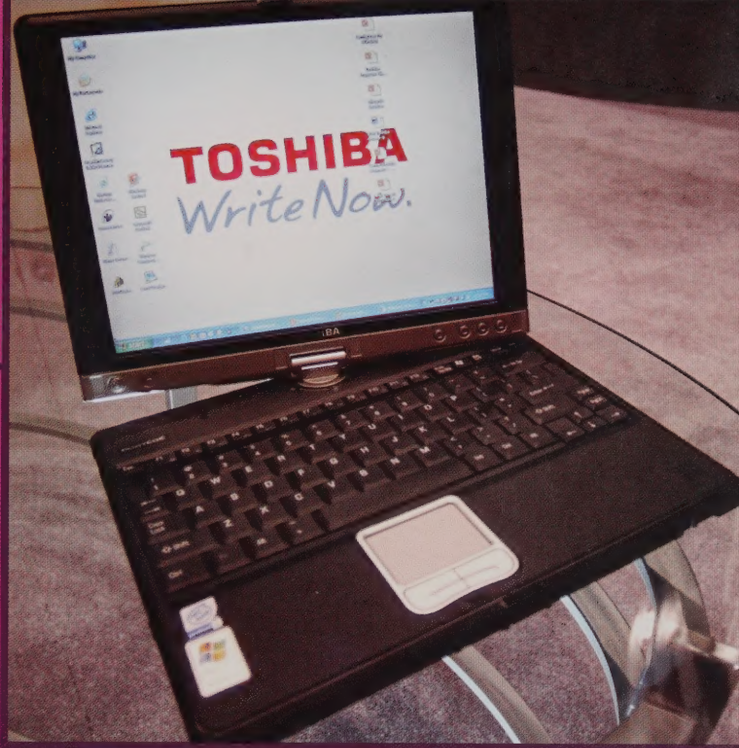
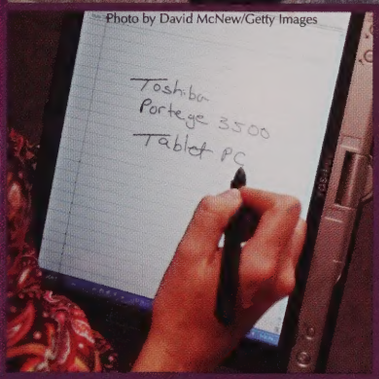


Just What The Vet Prescribed

Kyoto University researchers discovered some primates, specifically certain varieties of lemurs, eat plants containing poisonous tannins prior to giving birth. Tannins in small doses naturally increase milk production and veterinarians use them to prevent failed pregnancies. Scientists say this makes the lemur the first known animal to self-medicate when pregnant.

No Prey? Then You May Pass

Computer programmer Boris Tsikanovsky developed software to stop his cat, Squirrel, from dragging prey into the house. Squirrel, whose special collar allows her to exit and enter through a magnetized door, often hides dead mice and birds in the furniture. So, he developed imaging software linked to a camera by the door that will not allow Squirrel to enter if her profile shows something in her mouth.



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Tablet PCs hit store shelves this year. These new laptops allow users to handwrite their messages directly on the screen instead of typing them, making them a popular choice for taking notes in classes and meetings. The average price: about $2,200. ◀▲

OGY

Tom Christerson celebrated the one-year anniversary of his artificial heart transplant in September. He died six months later. Christerson, 71, was the longest-living AbioCor recipient so far. The AbioCor heart, a softball-sized pump made of plastic and titanium, runs on batteries and fits within a patient's chest. ▶

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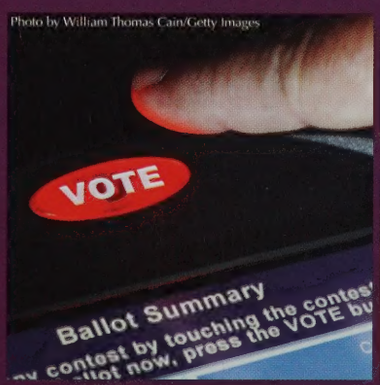
A Northern California town sold on eBay for almost $1.8 million. The owners of Bridgeville, Calif. decided to auction the town on eBay after their conventional attempts to sell the town failed. The town includes a post office, a cemetery and more than a dozen houses and cabins. ◀



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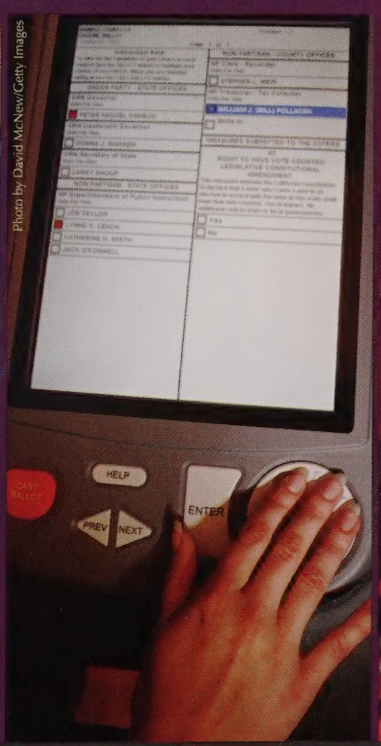

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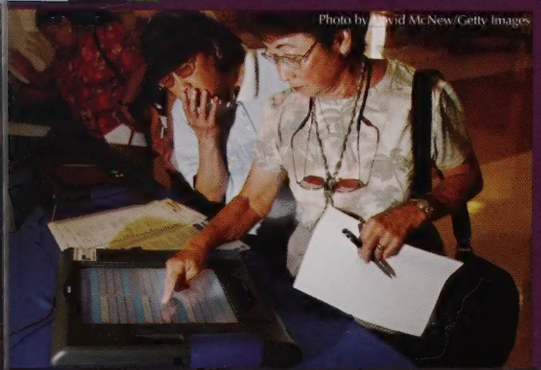

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Almost one fifth of U.S. counties used electronic voting machines in November, the highest percentage to date. The change was prompted by lawmakers' concern about Florida's ballot controversy in the 2000 presidential election. ◀▲▶

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Bratz dolls outsold Barbie as America's best-selling fashion doll for six months in a row. In response, Mattel created My Scene Barbie, a newer doll who wears platform shoes, low-rise jeans, more makeup, and midriff-baring shirts.

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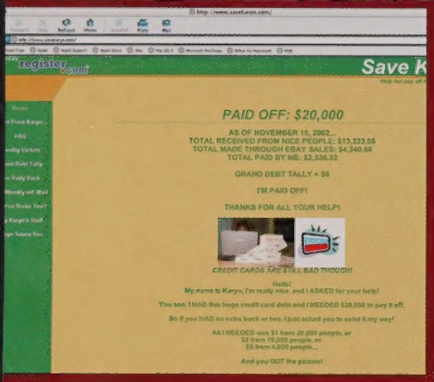
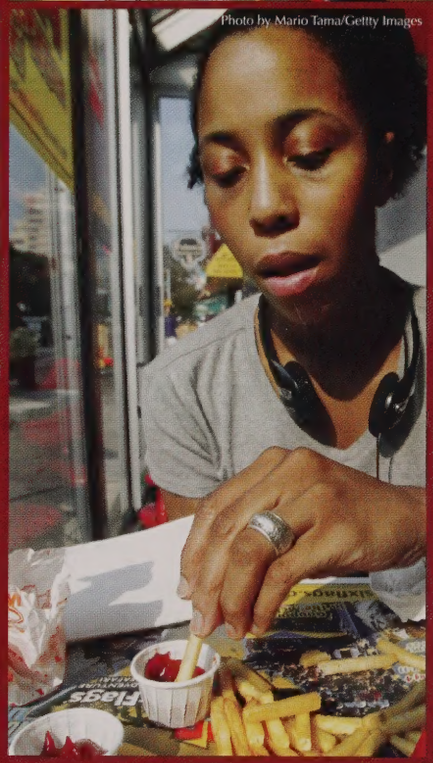


People desperate for money turned to the internet to *cyberbeg*. One woman was able to pay off her $20,000 credit card debt in just five months with the contributions she received from people who read her website and sent money.



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The Institute of Medicine changed its recommendations for Americans' diets and exercise regimes. Under the new guidelines, everyone should participate in at least one hour of physical activity each day and should eat a recommended percentage of carbohydrates, fats and proteins. McDonald's cut the amount of bad fat in its fries, Chicken McNuggets and other products after a New York man sued McDonald's and three other major fast-food chains for allegedly making him fat.

A few weeks later, a lawyer sued McDonald's on behalf of obese children. The suits were later thrown out by a federal judge who said the law is not in place to protect people from their own excesses. The cases argued that the fast-food chains never gave a clear warning about the foods' danger.

TRENDS

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Several stars crossed over from one entertainment genre to another, the most common of which involved musicians making movies. Actress/pop star Jennifer Lopez was one example. She starred in two movies this year, released a top-selling CD, opened a restaurant and even launched a perfume. Other stars crossing over included Eminem and Kid Rock making their film debuts.

Hewlett Packard introduced a personal computer that works like a TV. The computer comes with a remote control and a TV tuner, and users can play and record TV shows and digital music.

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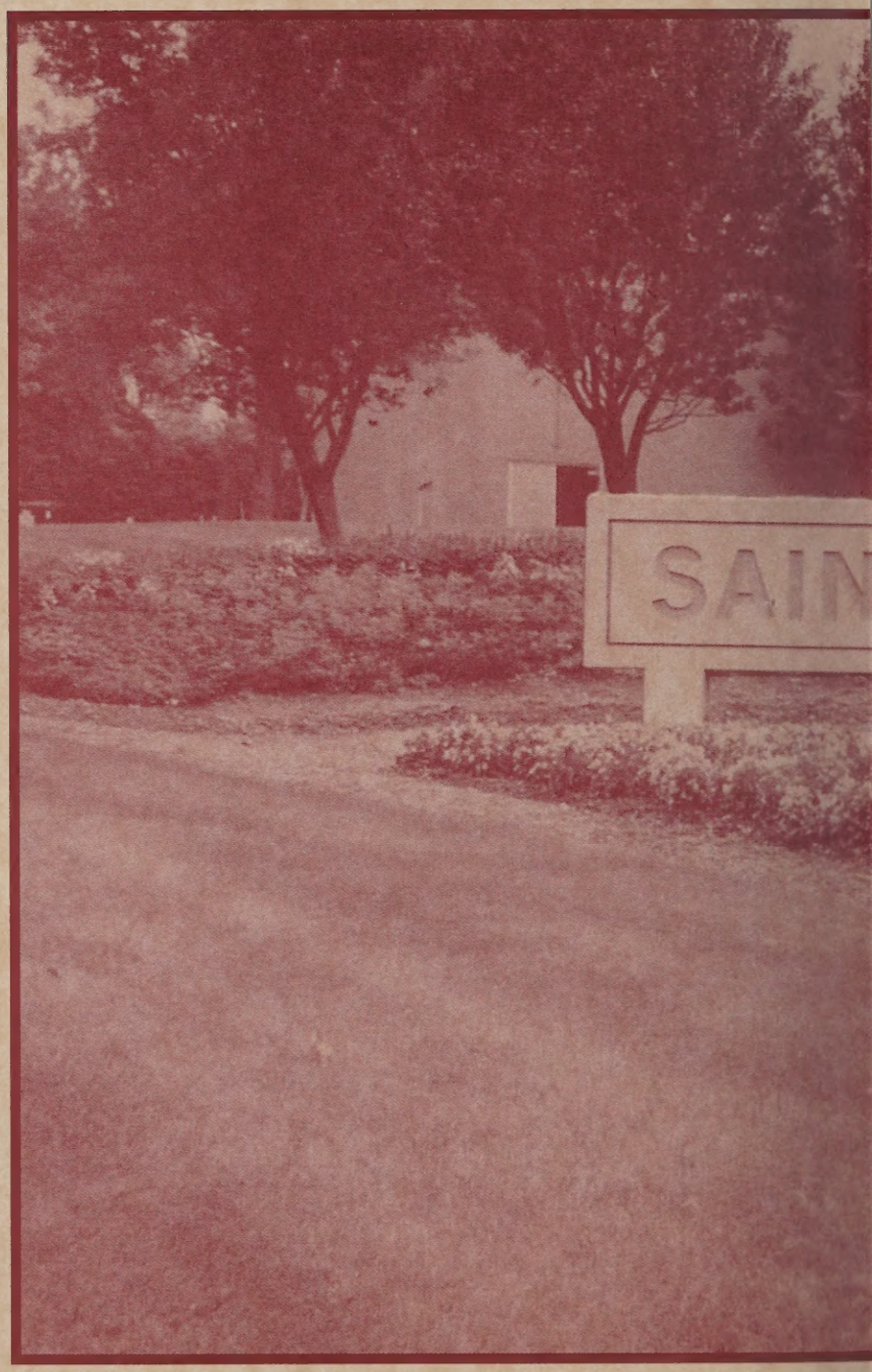

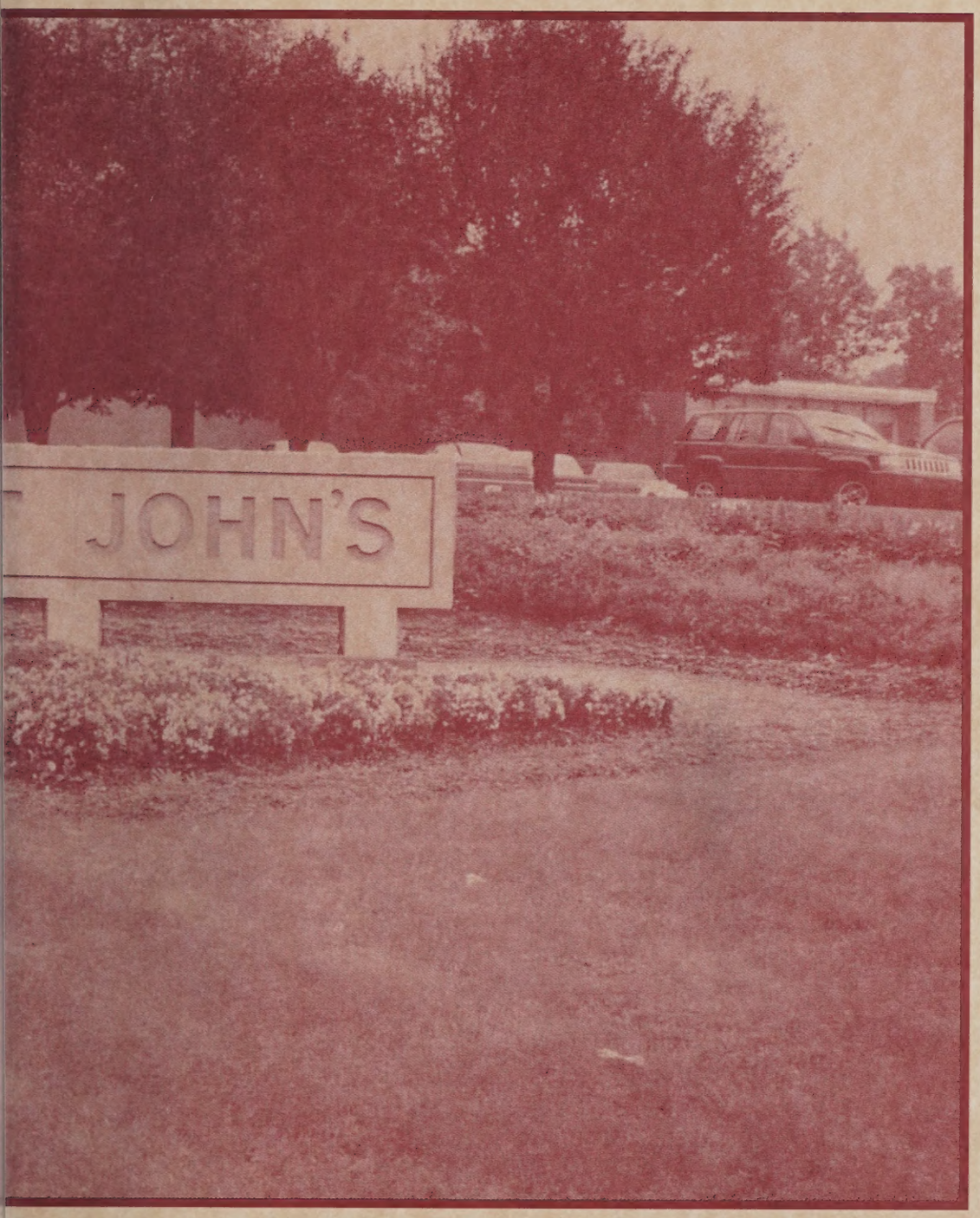
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